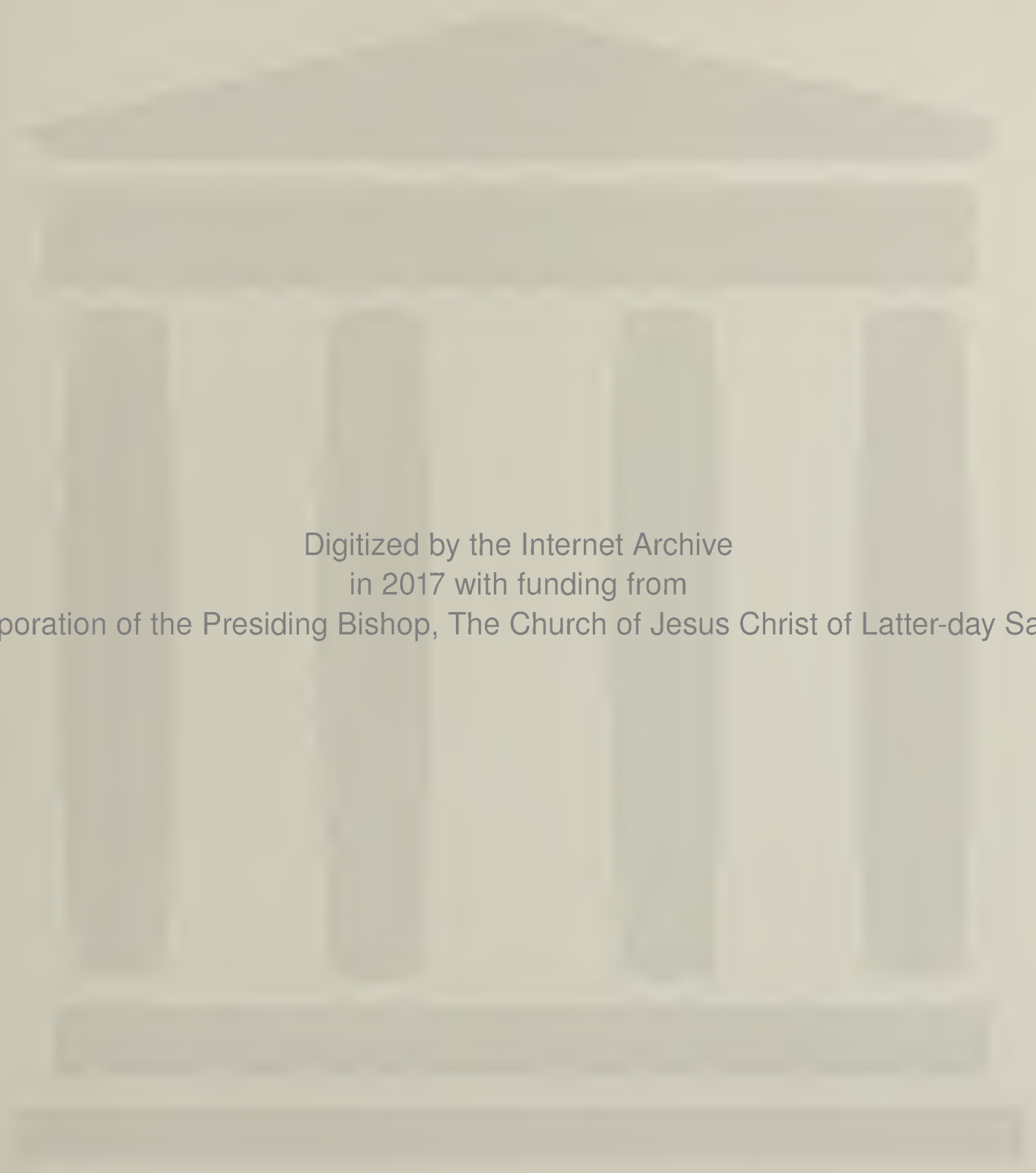


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For
my mother
and
my Schaller aunts and uncles
with love

ITE MISSE EST

Jetzt geh i voll Frieden ins Waldhütterl nauf;
hoch überm Berg droben steht's Himmelstor auf.
Is des a Gefunkel, a Pracht und a Glanz:
Der Herrgott segnt d'Welt mit der Himmelsmonstranz.
Da zidert jed's Asterl so fromm und so froh,
de Berg und de Baamerl, de leuchten nur so;
de Waldorgel braust und der Wipfelwind saust,
oa Glück und oa Jubel, wohins d'nur grad schaußt.
Da lasst si, ja lust's nur, a Walddrossel hörn,
die dankt mit dem Liadl für d'Himmelsgnad gern.
Aa mir dank ma alle, es sei benedeit
der Herrgott im Himmel de ganz Ewigkeit.
Amen.

Now I go full of joy into my forest hut.
High up above the mountains is the gate of heaven.
A flash of splendor and brightness:
The Lord God blesses the world with the heavenly monst'rance.
The branches wave so devoutly and joyfully;
The mountains and trees, 'they shine so!
The forest organ bursts forth, and the treetops sough
In happiness and jubilation of the highest degree!
As though lying in wait, the full-throated voice
of the forest is heard.
Giving thanks with a hymn for the heavenly grace:
Give thanks for all, and blessed be the Lord God
in heaven, for all eternity! Amen.

Hymn from Die Waldler Messe
by Ferdinand Neumaier
English translation by Dorothy Paulson

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AUTHOR'S PREFACE

In recent decades, tracing one's family lineage has become commonplace. Whether descended from royalty or from peasant stock, people want to learn more about their roots. Some families take great pride in the fact that they can trace their American ancestors back ten generations to the early settlers of New England or to the landed gentry of the South. They might proudly display a silver service bought by their ancestors more than two hundred years ago. Perhaps a portrait of their Revolutionary War ancestor hangs over the fireplace. A leather bound journal crowded with spidery handwriting might grace a bookshelf. All these would suggest permanence, financial stability, community-standing, patriotism, and education. These elements are enviable but take a great deal of time to develop. The Schallers are considered recent immigrants on a migratory timetable. No silver service, no portraits, no leather bound journals came to us. Our ancestors were simply not in a position to acquire the wealth or education necessary to achieve this kind of status. That fact places us with the majority rather than with the minority. For every family that traces itself to illustrious ancestors, there are many, many more who lay claim to simple, hardworking, peasant ancestors like the Schallers. No apology needs to be made for this. We are no less proud of our people who tilled the soil than are those whose ancestors owned plantations or clipper ships or wrote the laws of the land. What follows is the story of one simple family, the Schallers of Schilligkau, Bohemia. They were never famous, and their lives were similar to thousands of others who jostled one another on the shores of nineteenth century America. What makes the Schallers important is that they are our people. Whatever their characters or personalities, we are a part of them, and they are a part of us.

It is not an easy task for someone living in the relative comfort of the twentieth century to look to the past and really understand how others experienced life in another century and culture. But as you read, try to shed the trappings of your present life and step into another era. Try to walk beside your ancestor as he or she struggled to make sense of an arduous and perplexing life. The story of the Schaller family is simply history on a confined and personal scale. Try to experience that personal history as you read The Schaller Saga: Bohemia to Iowa.

It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy studying and reading the lives of your ancestors, and that by doing so, you will gain a new understanding of how these ancestors' difficult, yet fascinating, lives influenced your own.

Gloria Ellwanger
July 1992

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FOREWORD

Genealogical studies sometimes tend to be boring lists of names and dates that have little meaning for anyone except the author. However, in The Schaller Saga: Bohemia to Iowa Gloria Ellwanger has written a story which is anything but a dull genealogical study. She has added flesh and blood to her genealogical data and has brought the family to life in a diligently researched and beautifully written history of the Schaller family.

Mrs. Ellwanger painstakingly gathered original documents, photos, oral history, obituaries, newspaper articles, state and federal census records, and land and tax records from museums and libraries in this country. She also retrieved data from birth, death, and marriage records from the Pilsen archives in what is now the Czech Federal Republic. She skillfully wove this mountain of material into a truly remarkable and fascinating account.

Her story begins with a short history of German people in Bohemia, specifically of the small village of Schilligkau, and the social, economic, and religious conditions there. She then traces the Schaller family from Antonius Schaller and his wife Maria who were living in this small village in the "Böhmerwald" (Bohemian Forest) in the mid-1700s through the subsequent emigration to America in about 1868 of five of their great-grandchildren (Mary, Joseph, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Anna) and their final establishment of the Schaller family in the farming communities of northern Iowa. She retells many stories from the numerous members of the extended Schaller family.

It is quite evident that writing this chronicle has been a real labor of love for Gloria. All the descendants of Antonius and Maria Schaller, both present and future, owe her a great debt for preserving the legacy of a German-Bohemian peasant family - a legacy in which all can take great pride.

Robert J. Paulson
German-Bohemian Heritage Society
St. Paul, Minnesota
June 5, 1992

HELPFUL TIPS AND EXPLANATIONS

Please take a few minutes to read and study these pages of helpful tips. It will make it much easier to read and understand the stories and the Tables of Descendants. Refer back to these pages whenever clarification is needed.

LETTERS

Throughout the narrative portion of this book, letters are quoted. Notice that there are mistakes in spelling, punctuation, and usage. These mistakes were copied as they were in the original letters.

ASTERISK

In the narrative portion of the book, an asterisk (*) is used after some names, dates, and places. This indicates the data came from a primary record, which means the data was officially recorded at the time of the event or very shortly thereafter. That data will be marked with an asterisk only in the first instance, even though that same data may be used more than once.

PHOTOS

All the photos in the book have been put in family sections and identified with numbers. Identification of the photos precedes each of these sections. Refer to them when seeking to learn the identification or explanation of a photo. Like the Table of Descendants, the photos are in chronological order and follow each family from oldest to youngest.

The photos used in the book came from many families who lent them to the author to be copied. In most instances, the identifications were supplied by the family members who lent them. In two instances, identifications were not certain. After much study and comparison to other known photos, the author gave a tentative identification, and that fact is stated. (See photos #11 and #12.)

TABLE OF DESCENDANTS

The descendants of each of the Schaller siblings are listed in a Table of Descendants after the particular sibling being treated. They are listed chronologically, from oldest to youngest, with every known descendant following their parents in order of birth. Abbreviations and a standard outline form were used. The following abbreviations were used only for descendants, not for spouses. The d. and bur. abbreviations were used only to the fourth generation unless that event occurred, in which case the event was listed. To have used those abbreviations for every person to the seventh generation would have added many (mostly blank) pages to the book.

b. = born
m. = married (or SINGLE, if known)
d. = died
bur.= buried
ch = children
div = divorced

MODEL FOR TABLE OF DESCENDANTS

SCHALLER sibling name and their information: First Generation

- I. Second Generation
 - A. Third Generation
 - 1. Fourth Generation
 - a. Fifth Generation
 - (1) Sixth Generation
 - (a) Seventh Generation

Name at the Top of the First Page of a Family [Mary **SCHALLER**]: indicates an immigrant Schaller sibling and a child of George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner of Schilligkau, Bohemia: first generation.

A Roman Numeral [I.]: indicates a child of the Schaller sibling named at the beginning of the Table of Descendants: second generation.

A Capital Letter [A.]: indicates a child of a Roman numeral and a grandchild of the Schaller sibling: third generation.

An Arabic Number [1.]: indicates a child of a Capital letter and a great-grandchild of the Schaller sibling: fourth generation.

A Small Letter [a.]: indicates a child of an Arabic number and a great-great grandchild of the Schaller sibling: fifth generation.

An Arabic Number in Parenthesis [(1.)]: indicates a child of a small letter and a great-great-great grandchild of the Schaller sibling: sixth generation.

A Small Letter in Parenthesis [(a.)]: indicates a child of an Arabic number in parenthesis and a great-great-great-great-grandchild of the Schaller sibling: seventh generation.

ALL SURNAMES IN THE TABLE OF DESCENDANTS WERE CAPITALIZED AND BOLDED! In almost all instances, children listed are blood descendants. Occasionally, however, step-children are recorded because they were listed on the family group sheets by the people who returned them to the author. Those people indicated the children were raised by them or were considered descendants by association and affection rather than by blood. Mention is made of this fact by the author if she was made aware of it. Children by adoption are identified as such if the family indicated this fact, and they are considered descendants, also.

The birth and/or death dates of a spouse of a Schaller descendant are shown in parenthesis following that spouse's name. No places of birth/death are shown for them. One date alone in the parenthesis indicates a birth date, with no known death having yet occurred.

Occasionally the term DATA UNAVAILABLE is used. This indicates there probably are more descendants, but the information was not made available to the author. However, do not assume that if the term is not there that all descendants and their data are listed. In many instances, the author has no way of knowing whether a family is complete or incomplete.

On occasion, different family members gave different dates for the same event. In those cases, the questionable date was either left out or both dates were given but were separated with a slash.

George SCHALLER

Born: ca. 1795 Schilligkau
Died: 20 Mar 1850*
Place: Schilligkau, Bohemia

Maria SANDHÖFNER

Born: 1 Aug 1808* Natschetin
Died: 11 May 1864*
Place: Schilligkau, Bohemia

Married:

19 Oct 1830 at Berg, Bohemia*

Children1. **Mary SCHALLER**

Born: 8 Oct 1830 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9
Married: 29 May 1855 in Berg, Bohemia, to Anton **SELLNER**
Died: 5 Sept 1912 at Bremen Twp., Earlville, Ia.
Buried St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.

2. **Johann SCHALLER**

Born: 8 Apr 1833 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9*
Died: 8 Apr 1833 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9*

3. **Johann SCHALLER**

Born: 3 Nov 1834 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9*
Married: date and wife unknown
Died: after 1903
Buried probably Schilligkau, Bohemia

4. **Joseph SCHALLER**

Born: 19 May 1837 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9*
Died: 21 Feb 1838 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9*

5. **Joseph SCHALLER**

Born: 8 May 1839 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9*
Married: 5 Sept 1881 in Kossuth Co., Ia. to Anna **WEINZETL***
Died: 13 May 1897 Garfield Twp., Kossuth Co., Ia.*
Buried: St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.

6. **Barbara SCHALLER**

Born: 25 Oct 1843 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9*
Married: date and place unknown, to John C. **FEHLHAUER**
Died: 28 Sept 1916 West Bend, Palo Alto Co., Ia.*
Buried: Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.

7. **Elizabeth SCHALLER**

Born: 1 Oct 1846 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9*
Married: 10 Jan 1875 in Kossuth Co., Ia. to Martin **BONSTETTER***
Died: 18 Mar 1929 West Bend, Palo Alto Co., Ia.*
Buried: Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.

8. **Kunigunda (Anna) SCHALLER**

Born: 6 Sept 1849 at Schilligkau, Bohemia, House #9
Married: 30 Apr 1872 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church,
Dyersville, Ia. to Joseph **GARETT/GARRETT***
Died: 14 Jan 1914 Oneida Twp., Delaware Co., Ia.
Buried: St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.

Ancestor Chart

SCHALLER Family

of

Schilligkau, Bohemia

4 Joseph SCHALLER

(Father of No. 2)

b. apt. 16 Mar 1774

p.b. Schilligkau #9

m. 2 Mar 1794 Hostau

d. 7 Oct 1843

p.d. Schilligkau

2 George SCHALLER

(Father of No. 1)

b. ca. 1795

p.b. Schilligkau, Bohemia #9

m. 19 Oct 1830 Berg

d. 20 Mar 1850

p.d. Schilligkau

5 Anna KARL

(Mother of No. 2)

b. apt. 2 June 1770

p.b. Muttersdorf, Bohemia

d. 13 Nov 1827

p.d. Schilligkau

1 SCHALLER siblings

1. Mary 5. Joseph

2. Johann 6. Barbara

3. Johann 7. Elizabeth

4. Joseph 8. Kunigunda (Anna)

8 Antonius SCHALLER

(Father of No. 4)

b. of Schilligkau,

p.b. Bohemia

m.

d.

p.d.

9 Maria

(Mother of No. 4)

b.

p.b.

d.

p.d.

10 Joannis KARL/CARL

(Father of No. 5)

b.

p.b.

m.

d.

p.d.

11 Catherina ZISCHKIN

(Mother of No. 5)

b.

p.b.

d.

p.d.

12 George SANDHÖFNER

(Father of No. 6)

b.

p.b.

m.

d.

p.d.

13 Anna

(Mother of No. 6)

b.

p.b.

d.

p.d.

14 Martin POLTA

(Father of No. 7)

b.

p.b.

m.

d.

p.d.

15 Elisabetha

(Mother of No. 7)

b.

p.b.

d.

p.d.

6 Joh. George SANDHÖFNER

(Father of No. 3)

b. apt. 16 Oct 1762

p.b. Natschetin, Bohemia

m. 10 Feb 1795 at

d. Schüttarschen

p.d. unknown

3 Maria SANDHÖFNER

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 1 Aug 1808

p.b. Natschetin, Bohemia #10

d. 11 May 1864

p.d. Schilligkau

7 Sophia/Josepha POLTA

(Mother of No. 3)

b. apt. 19 Mar 1766

p.b. Schüttarschen

d. unknown

p.d.

16

b.

(Father of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

17

b.

(Mother of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

18

b.

(Father of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

19

b.

(Mother of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

20

b.

(Father of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

21

b.

(Mother of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

22

b.

(Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

23

b.

(Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

24

b.

(Father of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

25

b.

(Mother of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

26

b.

(Father of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

27

b.

(Mother of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

28

b.

(Father of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

29

b.

(Mother of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

30

b.

(Father of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

31

b.

(Mother of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

INTRODUCTION

Even though this book is written specifically for the descendants of five Schaller siblings who came from Bohemia to Iowa in the 1800s, amazingly few of you who will read it actually carry the surname Schaller. There was only one known Schaller brother who came to America, and his male descendants left few males who carried on the name. Nonetheless, all of you, regardless of your surname, can trace your lineage back to the Schaller name; and all of you share that bloodline and the same common ancestors. You are all Schallers.

The Schaller Saga: Bohemia to Iowa might actually be considered five books in one because the focus is not one person, but five. These five persons, all born Schaller, were:

1. Mary SELLNER
2. Joseph SCHALLER
3. Barbara FEHLHAUER
4. Elizabeth BONSTETTER
5. Anna GARRETT

All of these siblings will be treated in their own biographies, along with each of their children. Yet all of them overlap in their stories, so be sure to read about all five. You will learn more about your direct ancestor by reading the story of a brother or another sister. More information is known about some siblings than about others, and this will be reflected in the length of the biographies. It is the sincere hope of the author that families will understand why some individuals were treated in more depth or less depth than others. The author had to work with the information on hand, with information researched, and with what was given to her by the individual families. Some families are record keepers; some are not. Some families are savers; some are not. These factors were instrumental in the finished product.

One Schaller brother and four Schaller sisters immigrated to Iowa from a tiny village in Bohemia called Schilligkau. They were, in order of birth: Mary Schaller who married Anton Sellner; Joseph Schaller who married Anna Weinzettl; Barbara Schaller who married John C. Fehlhauer; Elizabeth Schaller who married Martin Bonstetter; and Anna Schaller who married Joseph Garrett. Mary Sellner and Anna Garrett lived on farms near Earlville in Delaware County, Iowa. Joseph, Barbara, and Elizabeth settled farther west in Iowa near the town of West Bend. What is known about each of these hearty immigrants will be shared in their carefully researched stories.

All of the known descendants of the five Schaller siblings are

listed in chronological order at the end of each family's set of biographies. A tremendous amount of effort was expended by both the author and a few key people to try to contact descendants so their data could be part of the book. Those who returned that data will see that information in the Table of Descendants. The author had to rely on the information that was given to her. Without doubt, there will be errors due to incorrect data given to the author, incomplete data given to the author, difficulty in reading handwriting on the sheets, and ambiguity. There will undoubtedly be errors on the part of the author, and for those she apologizes. But be assured that any mistakes on her part were unintentional and that great pains were taken in gathering, writing, proofreading, and editing both the stories and the Tables of Descendants.

It goes without saying that in order to better understand one's immigrant ancestor, it is necessary to understand his or her background and origins. To help readers in this regard, chapters have been devoted to the history of both the town of Schilligkau and the province of Bohemia. There is also a chapter about the ancestors of these five immigrants. It is suggested that these be read and studied first before going to the biography of your respective ancestor. There is also an interesting chapter at the end of the book about other Schaller relatives and possible relatives.

Many other aids have also been included in the book which should make it easier for you to read and understand the hundreds and hundreds of pieces of data about the Schallers. These helps in the form of charts, maps, documents, letters, family papers, and photos all add interest to their stories. Refer to them as often as you need.

Some readers may wish to know where the author got her information and the subsequent conclusions about the Schaller family. The sources are numerous. They are often cited in the actual text or are given in the notes at the end of the book. These sources include: primary records from Czech archives; primary records of birth, marriage, and death from courthouses in Iowa and Minnesota; naturalization records; land deeds; Catholic church records; cemetery records; census records; published books; town and church histories; family papers and letters; interviews both personal and by letter with descendants and associated persons; genealogical and historical societies; and photos. All these sources provided an amazing array of information which, when properly analyzed and coordinated, told a fascinating story of our ancestors.

As a researcher and storyteller, it was almost impossible for the author not to draw conclusions about these illusive people. Even though these conclusions are based on factual information, there is always the possibility they are erroneous. Years from now, some new pieces of data may surface which will either prove or disprove some of the author's theories and conclusions. Until then, the reader is free to trust the instincts of the author or provide his or her own deductions.

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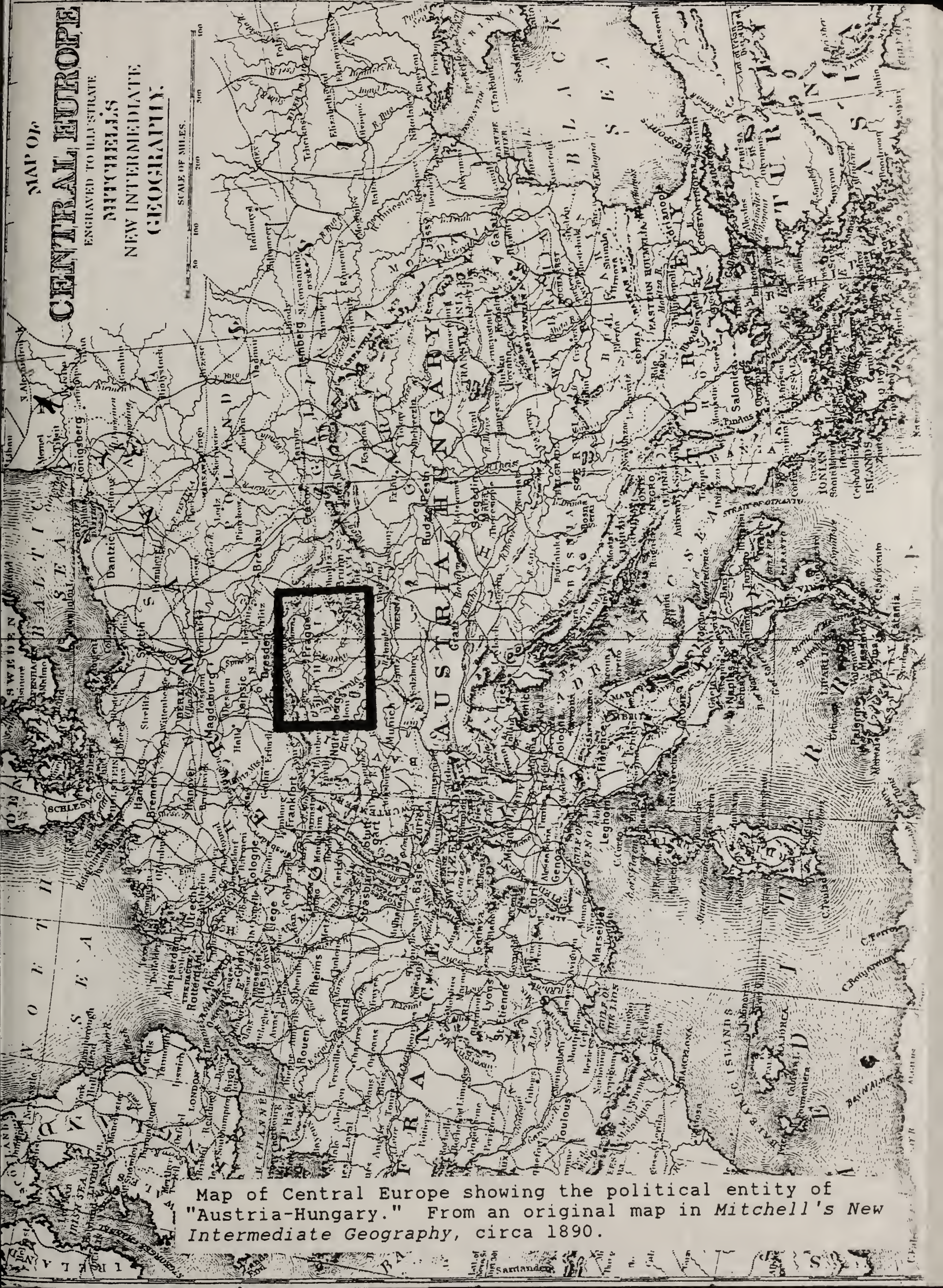
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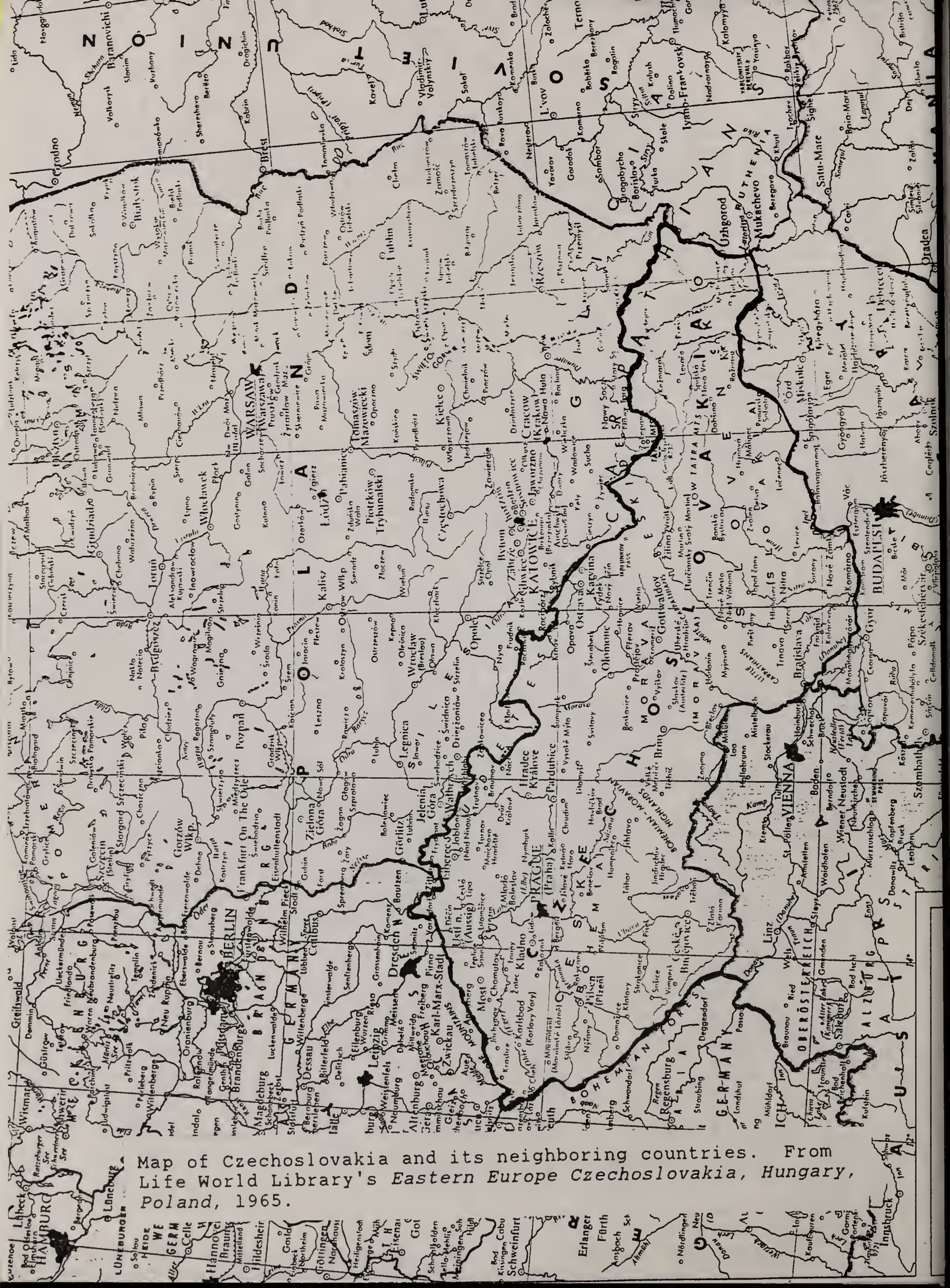
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Map of Central Europe showing the political entity of "Austria-Hungary." From an original map in Mitchell's New Intermediate Geography, circa 1890.



Map of Czechoslovakia and its neighboring countries. From Life World Library's Eastern Europe Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, 1965.

BOHEMIA YESTERDAY AND TODAY

The Schaller family originated from an area in Europe once known as Bohemia. The Schallers can be referred to as German-Bohemians because they lived in Bohemia and because they were ethnically German. Because of this, our Schallers have a unique history, unlike any other group of Germans. In order to understand them and their heritage, it is necessary to understand where they originated and how political and social factors touched their lives.

Bohemia, formerly a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, is now a area of Czechoslovakia. It is bounded on the northwest and southwest by Germany, on the northeast by the region known as Moravia, and on the south by Austria. Bohemia is ringed on three sides by mountain ranges that separate it from Germany and Austria. On the north are the Sudetes Mountains which are high and rugged. Presently they are a resort and skiing area. On the western rim of Bohemia are the Bohemian Mountains. The northwestern range is called the Ore Mountains; the southwestern range is known as the Bohemian Forest, or Böhmerwald, and they rise to 2,500 feet.

Bohemia today is very different from what it was when our Schaller ancestors lived there. It was once a pastoral and agricultural area. Crops such as barley, corn, rye, sugar beets, wheat, and potatoes were grown on small farms, and farmers raised beef and dairy cattle, hogs, poultry, and sheep. Today, however, agriculture makes up only eight percent of the economy. Land is worked on large collective farms established under communistic socialism. Most of Bohemia is now an industrialized society. Steel, machinery, transportation equipment, automobiles, trucks, and buses are the heavy industries. Light industries are ceramics, glass, paper, textiles, and beer.

Like so many areas in Europe, Bohemia's history is long and complicated, and its boundaries and very entity changed with political upheavals and war. It was made up of people of different ethnic backgrounds, mainly Czechs and Germans. These two groups never got along with each another, and they looked upon each other as usurpers. The Schaller family was of the Germanic element, a minority within Bohemia. It's likely they lived in this extreme western rim of Bohemia since the 1400 or 1500s. The German-Bohemians kept to themselves, trying not to mix with other ethnic groups. They spoke a German dialect known as Böhkish.¹ Living near a geographical region called the Böhmerwald, they eked out a living on the hills that were cleared of forests to fuel the glass-making industry. In the twelfth and thirteenth centuries German farmers, craftsmen, miners, merchants, and artists were encouraged to move into the area of Bohemia because they had advanced agricultural methods and skilled trades, including glass-making. For seven hundred years, the Czech and German elements lived

together, yet each kept their ethnic identity. Marriage between the groups was discouraged, though it did occur. The German-Bohemians lived in their own little conclaves, choosing not to mix with others.

In the 1500s Bohemia became part of the Austrian Empire under the Catholic Hapsburg rulers. For centuries there were only two classes of people: peasants and the nobility. Germans, Slavs, and Magyars lived in a reactionary society governed by the Austrian monarchy whose main interest was maintaining the status quo. Over the years, the peasant did gain some advantages from the monarchy but only because the monarchy had to keep the nobles in check for its own protection.² In 1848, both peasants and unemployed city laborers led a revolt, but their situation changed very little. From the 1850s through the 1860s wars with Prussia, France, and Italy finally forced the decaying Hapsburg monarchy to a compromise. The result was a dual monarchy known as the Austria-Hungarian Empire formed in 1867. It encompassed diverse ethnic and political groups who did not think of themselves as an entity. Bohemia was a small part of this Dual Monarchy. Unsolved problems among the many groups within the empire and disastrous foreign policies eventually lead to the First World War. Although our direct Schaller ancestors had already emigrated to America before 1900, distant Schaller cousins who remained in Bohemia were affected by this first World War. Young Franz Schaller from Schilligkau, a distant cousin of our Schallers, died in Russia in 1915.³ At the end of the war, the monarchy collapsed, and Austria-Hungary ceased to exist. In October of 1918 the country of Czechoslovakia came into existence spurred on by the desire of the people and the desire of the Allies to totally defeat Germany by encouraging the nationalistic feelings of the diverse peoples within the former Dual Monarchy. Bohemia now became part of this new Czechoslovakia. The wishes of the German element within Bohemia to maintain their own identity and not become a part of Czechoslovakia were ignored. Again, distinct ethnic groups made up the new country. The Schallers were part of the German minority. The distrust and alienation between the Germans and Czechs within Bohemia continued. The Germans in the Sudetenland blamed the Czech government for not only political and cultural discrimination, but also for great economic hardship. The number of Germans in Czechoslovakia at this time (1918) was about three million.

With the rise of Hitler and Naziism in Germany, a new wrinkle was added to the face of Bohemia. Hitler used the unrest between the groups within Czechoslovakia as a perfect excuse to demand full equality for Germans in Czechoslovakia. As a result of the Munich Pact of 29 September 1938, about 10,000 square miles of Czech territory became part of Germany. This included the area where our Schallers lived. Other areas were taken by Hungary and Poland. Czechoslovakia ceased to exist.

The German-Bohemians were conscripted into the German Army. Incredibly, a situation had arisen where the descendants of Schallers from Schilligkau, some living in Germany and some in the

United States, fought on opposite sides in this global war.

With the defeat of Germany in 1945, Czechoslovakia once again came into existence. By 1948 it was under Communist control. It would remain so until the startling and relatively bloodless fall of Communism in Europe from 1989 to 1990.

As if the suffering caused by the war was not enough, what was inflicted on the German-Bohemian people from 1945 to 1946 caused untold injustice and misery. The Czech government, convinced that the Germans in Czechoslovakia had no place or right in their country, began a campaign to forcibly expel all Germans. All their property was confiscated. During an eighteen-month period, three million German-Bohemians were forced to leave.⁴ From January to November of 1946, 1,200,000 were put on cattle cars, in a mode not unlike that of the Jews, and shipped to Austria and East and West Germany. In the total effort of expulsion, over 250,000 lost their lives.

Once in Germany, these Sudeten Germans created whole new towns. They created organizations and societies whose goal it was to retain the cultural and ethnic identity of the Sudeten Germans. They have never given up the hope that they will someday recover their homeland.

We Sudeten Germans have renounced every form of revenge and retribution but we have not renounced our rightful claim that our country should be restored to us.⁵

An unofficial apology was made by the new Czech president, Vaclav Havel, in January of 1990 for the expulsion of three million Germans from Czechoslovakia. The fact that there was much opposition to his statement reveals the depths of the wounds, and the work that must be done before healing can be accomplished.⁶

If one were to visit the village of Schilligkau today, no Schallers, no German-Bohemians would be found. They were part of the massive expulsion carried out by the Czech government. Two families with the surname Schaller and two with the surname Sandhöfner were expelled from Schilligkau in 1946. One of these Schaller families is definitely descended from our common Schaller ancestors. They are, therefore, our distant cousins. It was this family who lost three sons in the war.⁷ Another family (Haas) was expelled from House #9, the same house once lived in by our Schaller ancestors since the 1700s. Using an address in West Germany that was fifteen years old, contact was made with the Haas family. It is not proven, but there is a very good possibility they are the descendants of the lost Schaller brother (whose name was later discovered to be Johann) who wrote a 1903 letter (see "The Lost Schaller Relatives") to his sister, Elizabeth Bonstetter. The Haas family does not know their ancestry back to this date so cannot say with certainty that their grandmother is the daughter mentioned in the 1903 letter. They feel, however, that the dates are right, and that she probably was the daughter.⁸ If she was, the Haas name can join the Sellners, Schallers, Fehlhauers,

Bonstetters, and Garretts as descendants of George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner of Schilligkau; and they are as closely related to us as we, the Sellners, Schallers, Fehlhauers, Bonstetters, and Garretts, are to each other.

From 1977 when the author first saw the word "Bohemia" on an old envelope to this finished product, much has been learned about this region of Bohemia and its impact on our Schallers. Much of this is due to earlier work done by the Minnesota German-Bohemian Society. To them the author owes a great debt of thanks.



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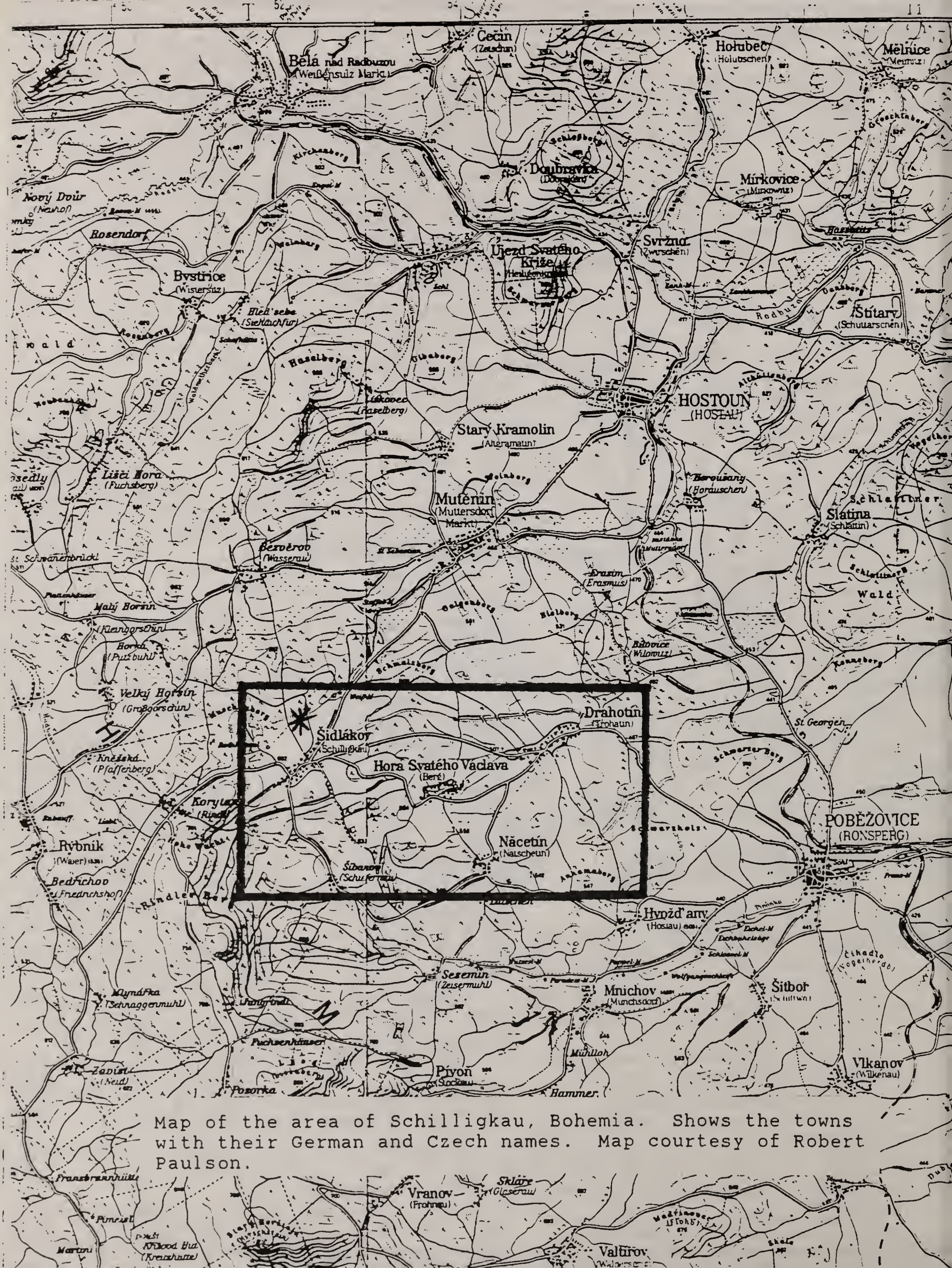
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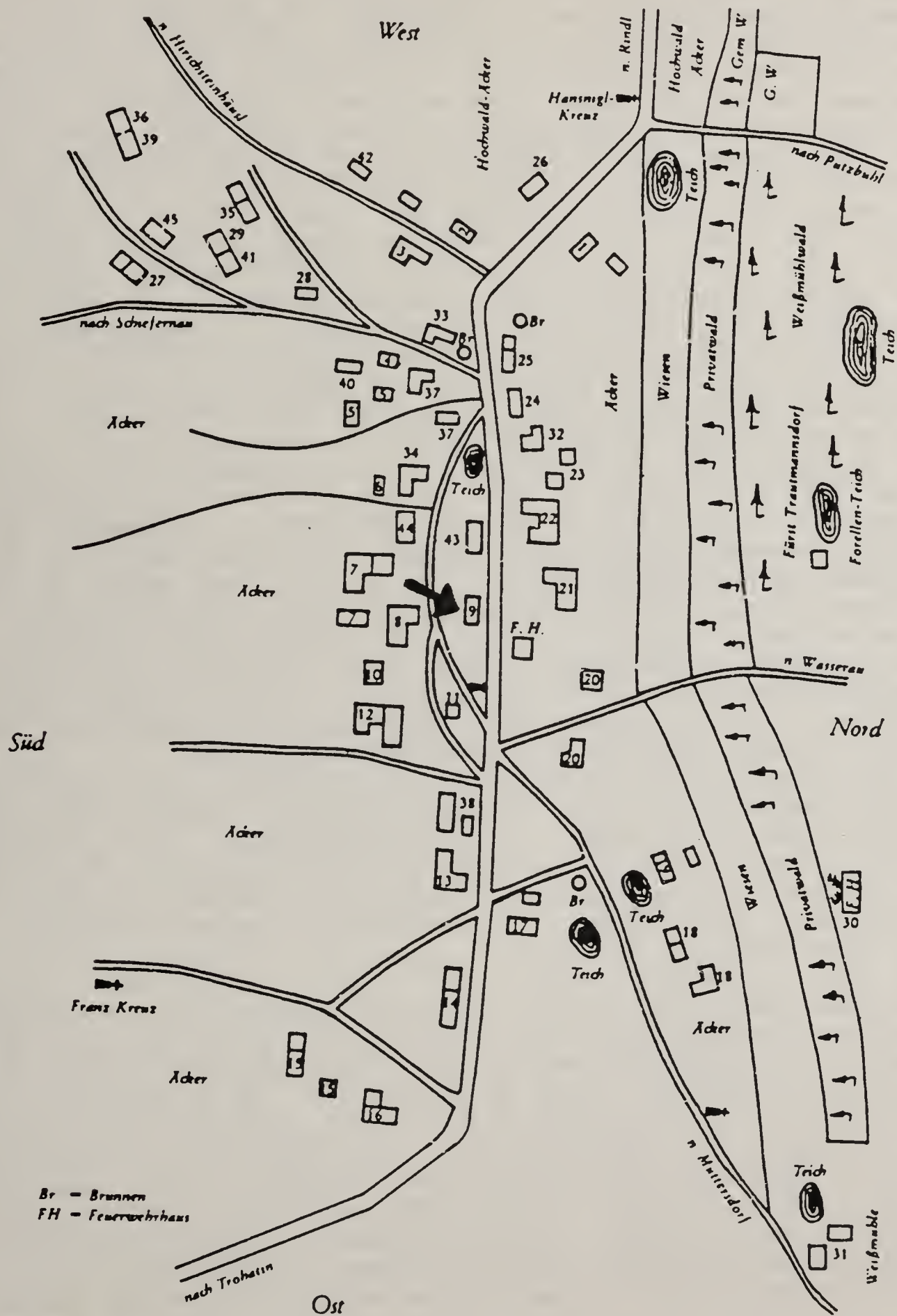
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Map of the District of Bischofteinitz and Taus in Bohemia,
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Map of the area of Schilligkau, Bohemia. Shows the towns with their German and Czech names. Map courtesy of Robert Paulson.

Ortsplan von Schilligkau



Map showing the location of houses in the village of Schilligkau, Bohemia. (Now Šidlákov, Czechoslovakia.) Our Schaller ancestors were born in House #9. From Grobner and Womes' 1976 *Chronik der Pfarrgemeinde Berg*.

SCHILLIGKAU YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Our early Schaller ancestors originated from the tiny German village of Schilligkau in the district of Bischofteinitz in the Egerland region of Bohemia. It now has, however, another name due to the fact that when Bohemia was incorporated into the new country of Czechoslovakia in 1918, all towns were again referred to by their former Czech names. On a present-day map, the name for former Schilligkau is Šidlákov. It lies in the rolling hills of the nearby Bohemian Forest (Böhmerwald) approximately 423 miles above sea level. If one were to follow in a southwesterly direction the road that runs through Schilligkau, it would bring a traveler to the German border town of Schwarzach. The city of Pilsen lies about thirty-five miles northeast of Schilligkau. Approximately four and a half miles east of Schilligkau is the commercial town of Ronsperg. Between Ronsperg and Schilligkau is Berg, now Horá Svatého Václava. Berg played an important role in the Schaller history because this was the parish town for the Catholics of several of the surrounding villages, and it was here in the church of St. Wenceslaus that they gathered for worship.

The little village of Schilligkau has been in existence for over six centuries. It was first mentioned in documents in 1379. In 1789 there were twenty-four houses. In 1839 there were thirty-one houses and 266 inhabitants. By 1913 it had grown to thirty-eight houses and 231 inhabitants. In the pivotal year of 1945 there were forty-five houses and 310 inhabitants. In 1963, when the only inhabitants were Czechs (and possibly Slovaks and/or gypsies) who had been moved in by the Communist state, there were only fifteen houses. Presently, there are only about ten houses, and they are the homes of Czech citizens.⁹

In previous centuries, when agriculture was the principle occupation in Bohemia, the size and economic status of a village was determined, in part, by its elevation. The higher the elevation, the smaller and poorer was the village. This was due to the shorter growing season. The more populated towns lay in the valleys. The homes there were larger and more comfortable than those in the smaller villages.

In the centuries before the 1848 revolutions throughout Europe, the land in the area of Schilligkau was controlled by noblemen who had been granted the land by the king for services rendered. The nobleman whose land included Schilligkau and the neighboring villages, lived in Ronsperg. He lived on a estate while all the peasants worked his land, much in the manner of sharecroppers. The peasants, in turn, worked directly for the nobleman's agricultural manager who lived in the village of Trohatin. (Trohatin was the town of residence of Anton Sellner.) The peasants owed as duty to the landlord a certain percentage of their crops and a certain number of days of labor each year. This labor might include harvesting crops, maintaining roads, or cutting wood.¹⁰

Because of these unjust and repressive conditions, the peasant found it almost impossible to improve his lot in life. With the 1848 revolt, the noblemen were forced to sell their land to the farmers, but the farmers were often too poor to buy it. This one factor more than any other brought German-Bohemians to America. Even with the supposed improvement in peasant conditions, they still couldn't get ahead. If a person was born poor in Bohemia, he died in the same condition.

Homes in Schilligkau were made of wood. With abundant forests nearby, trees were felled and hand hewn into square logs. Later, the homes were plastered in an attempt to give them a more refined appearance. Barns were attached directly to the houses, and they held a cow, pig, chickens, and geese. A more well-to-do farmer might own a horse to help with the work.

Just as Trohatin was the agricultural center, the village of Berg (later Horá Svatého Václava) was the ecclesiastical center. The town of Berg, which means hill, does literally sit atop a hill from which all the neighboring villages can be seen. Here was the Catholic church of St. Wenceslaus almost surrounded by the church cemetery. Nearby was the priest's house and a large school. This religious center served the communities of Trohatin, Natschetin (birthplace of the Sandhöfners), Schieferneu, Schilligkau, Hoslau, and Zeisermühle.

Our Schaller ancestors attended this church, were baptized, married, and buried here. They probably attended school long enough to learn how to read and write, if they attended at all. Very few completed a formal education, unless a young man or woman followed the religious life.

The Catholic religion was for centuries the heart and soul of the Schilligkau peasants. Their life revolved around a deep trust in the providence of God and the practices of their faith. Centuries of practicing the Catholic faith almost completely ceased, however, after 1948 when the Czech government came under the control of the Communist party. The German-Bohemians were expelled, and any Catholic Czechs who had been brought in to work the collective farms were discouraged or forbidden to attend church. The once beautiful St. Wenceslaus was neglected and now is in need of repair. Presently, a priest from Ronsperg comes about once a month to say Mass. The cemetery is overgrown with weeds.

Music has always been a part of the German-Bohemian social life as well as their religious life. They danced to music that is now referred to as "old-time music." Songs sung by the peasants for hundreds of years have recently been revived and recorded by a group called the Egerlander Trachtengruppe. Whether in church, in the home, or at a community gathering, music rang out. These German-Bohemians carried this love of music with them to America, especially to New Ulm, Minnesota, where it still flourishes.

Robert Paulson, the founder of the Minnesota German-Bohemian Society and a recognized authority in German-Bohemian research, has made about nine group tours to the home of his forefathers in the area of Schilligkau. He reports that the town today is very poor.

A visitor might compare it to seeing an impoverished area in the hills of Kentucky or Tennessee. Approximately twenty people now live there, and they are picked up daily by bus and taken to the outlying collective farms to work. Houses in good repair are owned by wealthy people from Pilsen and Prague who come out to the country to escape the pollution. The local people are fearful and suspicious because they have lived with suppression and censorship for over forty years.¹¹ It will be interesting to watch the political and cultural changes that are sure to take place in the homeland of our ancestors in the next few years.

The German-Bohemian Society in New Ulm, Minnesota, arranges periodic European tours that include side trips to German-Bohemian villages in western Czechoslovakia. The 1991 tour included a prearranged Mass in the Church of St. Wenceslaus in Berg. The long-silent organ was dusted off and played by the capable hands of Mrs. Dorothy Paulson. Traditional hymns that were once sung years ago now rang out within the walls of St. Wenceslaus. The worshipers included Czechs, Germans, and Americans. The closing hymn "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" was sung simultaneously in all three languages. The visitors agreed that the emotionally-moving experience was the highlight of their trip.¹²

The next tour to the villages of our German-Bohemian ancestors in western Czechoslovakia is planned for the summer of 1993. If traveling and a love of family history are important to Schaller descendants, this trip is a must. More information can be obtained from the Minnesota German-Bohemian Heritage Society, P.O. Box 822, New Ulm, Minnesota, 56073.

IDENTIFICATION AND EXPLANATION OF PHOTOS

In all of the photos throughout the book, persons will be identified from LEFT to RIGHT. This fact will be stated now but not in each photo description. Sometimes the term "ca." (circa) was used to give the approximate date of the photo. A surname in parenthesis indicates the maiden name of a married woman.

Šidlákov, Czechoslovakia (formerly Schilligkau, Bohemia) and Surrounding Area Taken by Robert Paulson mid-to-late 1980s

- #1 Village of Schilligkau, 1980s.
- #2 Looking down from Berg to the town of Trohatin.
- #3 Looking toward the Church of St. Wenceslaus in Berg.
- #4 Church of St. Wenceslaus in Berg, built approximately in the 14th century.
- #5 Main altar inside St. Wenceslaus.
- #6 Inside St. Wenceslaus.
- #7 St. Wenceslaus Cemetery which surrounds the church.
- #8 House #40 (House of Schaller) in Schilligkau. Note curtains on the windows. The relationship of the Schallers who once lived in this house to our Schallers has not been determined.
- #9 House #10 (House of Zeis) in Natschetin. Our Sandhöfner ancestors lived here since the 1700s. Maria Sandhöfner, who married George Schaller, was born here in 1808. In 1945 a Franz Sandhöfner lived here.
- #10 House #20 in Natschetin. Example of a nicely restored home. Note geese in front. Geese were and still are commonplace in this area.

Two Unidentified Photos

- #11 Carte-de-visite photo. This style of photography lasted from 1854 to about 1870, with peak years being 1859-1866. Identity of this photo is uncertain, but it is likely one of the following: Mary (Schaller) Sellner, Barbara (Schaller) Fehlhauer, or Elizabeth (Schaller) Bonstetter. Note resemblance to Mary Sellner in photo #13.
- #12 Cabinet photo. This style of photography lasted from 1863 to about 1905, with peak years being 1870-1900. Identity of this photo is uncertain, but it is likely Elizabeth (Schaller) Bonstetter or Barbara (Schaller) Fehlhauer. Photo was taken in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Note thatch of gray hair on her right temple. Woman appears between thirty and forty years old.



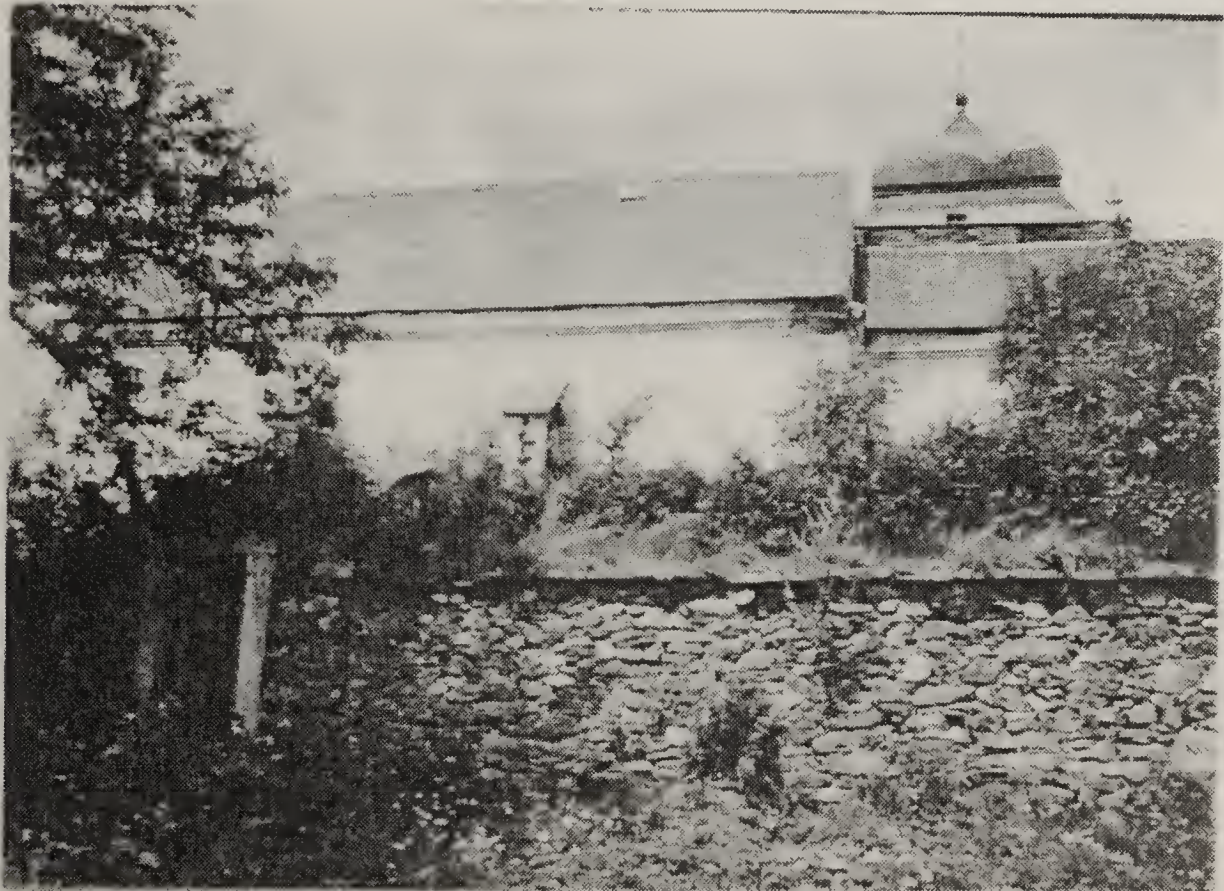
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CABINET PHOTOGRAPH

GERMAN/CZECH TOWN NAMES

Towns in Bohemia Where our
Schaller Ancestors Originated

GERMAN Name

CZECH Name

Berg.....	Horá Svatého Václava
Horouschen.....	Horoušany
Hostau.....	Hostou
Muttersdorf.....	Mutěnin
Natschetin.....	Nacetín
Pilsen.....	Plzeň
Schilligkau.....	Šidlákov
Schüttarschen.....	Štítary
Trohatin.....	Drahotín
Zwirschen.....	Svržno

Approximate mileage:

Schilligkau to Pilsen: 33 miles (point to point, not by road).
Schilligkau to Schwarzach: 4.25 miles.
Schilligkau to the German border, directly west: 3.5 miles.
Schilligkau to Berg: 1.2 miles.
Schilligkau to Natschetin: 1.6 miles.
Berg to Natschetin: .7 miles.
Schilligkau to Ronsperg: 3.8 miles.
Schilligkau to Trohatin: 2 miles.
Schilligkau to Hostau: 3.7 miles.
Schilligkau to Muttersdorf: 1.8 miles.
Schilligkau to Schüttarschen: 5.5 miles (point to point, not by road).
Schilligkau to Zwirschen: 5.0 miles.

The above calculations are from a map by the U.S. Army Map Service, courtesy of the University of Iowa Map Collection.

OUR SCHALLER ANCESTORS IN SCHILLIGKAU

A background of Bohemia and the tiny village of Schilligkau has been presented in the two previous chapters. With this as a framework, our direct Schaller ancestors can now be placed in their little town and hopefully seen in a more complete and personal way.

The Schaller Saga: Bohemia to Iowa deals mainly with the five Schaller siblings who came to America. A limited amount of information was learned about their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, and this will now be shared with the readers. These Schaller ancestors lived in the area of Schilligkau, Bohemia, since at least the 1700s and probably for several centuries before that.

The parents of the five Schaller sibling immigrants were George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner.

The birth date of George Schaller is unknown, and this fact is curious. When the first set of original documents was obtained from Czechoslovakia in 1990, the archivist was unable to find the birth/baptism record of a George Schaller, son of Joseph Schaller and Anna Karl. The records were checked a second time in 1992, just to make certain George's birth was not missed. The church records of both Berg and Hostau (a larger neighboring church community) were checked by the archivist, and the births of only two sons of the above-named couple were found in Berg:

1. Adam Schaller born 25 September 1798.* (Vol. 10 page 22.)
2. Joseph Schaller born 19 December 1803.* (Vol. 25 page 1.)

There can be no doubt that George was definitely the son of Joseph Schaller and Anna Karl because when George married Maria Sandhöfner in 1830, his parents were named as Joseph Schaller of Schilligkau and Anna Karl of Horouschen. Why this lack of a birth date for George? Here are some possible explanations.

1. George Schaller was born and baptized in another community where his parents were then residing. Military service, war, illness, or unemployment may have accounted for George's parents not being in their ancestral village after their marriage there in 1794.
2. For some unknown reason, George's birth/baptism was inadvertently omitted by the priest. This is doubtful because keeping an accurate record of baptisms was of utmost importance to the Catholic church. In years of studying church records, this researcher has found that few errors were made by European priests in regard to baptisms.
3. George Schaller (born circa 1795 according to his age at marriage in 1830) could be one and the same person as Adam born in 1798; but he was known as George, possibly the name of his godfather. Being baptized one name but going by another was an accepted practice. George could not be one and the same as the Joseph born in 1803 because that Joseph is the direct ancestor of our Schaller cousins who live in Germany today.

4. George was born to unmarried Anna Karl; therefore, his name would not have been Schaller in the records. (This researcher has found that, contrary to what is often assumed, births to unmarried girls were not at all uncommon occurrences in past centuries, though this phenomenon was observed in towns other than Berg, whose records were unavailable for personal study.) The archivist must also have thought of this possibility because he checked the records of Schilligkau and Horouschen, where Anna Karl was born. There was no record of a birth to unmarried Anna Karl.

There may be more explanations for George's lack of a birth record. However, as it stands now, no birth/baptism date can be given with certainty for George Schaller, son of Joseph Schaller and Anna Karl, other than an estimated date of 1795 deduced from his age at marriage.

Maria Sandhöfner was born 1 Aug 1808* in a neighboring village called Natschetin, now known as Nacetín, to Joh. George Sandhöfner and Sophia/Josepha Polta who were living in House #10.¹³ Maria's father's full name was Johann George Sandhöfner, but he went by George. The names Sophia and Josepha were used on different documents, but they were one and the same person.¹⁴

George Schaller was about thirty-five years old and Maria Sandhöfner twenty years old when they married at the Catholic church in Berg on 19 October 1830.*¹⁵ Since George was so much older and was marrying such a young girl, one might guess that he was a widower. However, the marriage record clearly stated that both were single. It might be theorized that George and Maria probably knew each other all their lives because they would have attended the same church in Berg. With the passage of 162 years, all interesting human elements of what brought this middle-aged man and this young girl together have been lost to us. Stark dates reveal only that they married, had a family, and lived their joint lives together in House #9 in Schilligkau where the Schaller family had lived since at least 1774. George probably farmed several small patches of land scattered around the edges of Schilligkau. The 1860s brought the consolidation of small land holdings into one acreage, but George did not have the luxury of walking to just one plot of land because he died in 1850.

Only a bit of background information and a few clues can be used to reveal any more about George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner. George was probably the oldest son of his parents because it is assumed he was born approximately a year after his parent's marriage and because he continued to reside in the ancestral house.

The house (#9) that was the Schaller homestead was called the House of Draxler, which means "turner," and it lay exactly in the center of town on the south side of the road that ran through Schilligkau.¹⁶ In European communities, there was a practice whereby homes had such a long history that they took on the name of the family that lived there for a long period of time. Then, if new families moved into that house, they gradually took on the name of the house. House #40, located in the southwest part of the village, was called the House of Schaller. House #28, very near

House #40, was also known as the House of Schaller. In 1945, this same house (#28) was in the possession of one George Schaller born 9 November 1877. His relationship to us is undetermined. Living in House #9 (our ancestral Schaller home) in 1945 was the Haas family, who may well be our cousins. So, from the above information, it can be seen that over the years Schaller families lived in houses that went by other names (Draxler), and people whose name was not Schaller (Haas) lived in the House of Schaller.

The archives in Pilsen was able to provide vital data on the parents and grandparents of both George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner. (See pedigree chart.) George's father, Joseph Schaller, was born in House #9 in Schilligkau to Antonius Schaller and his wife Maria, whose last name was not given on the baptismal document. Joseph Schaller was baptized on 16 March 1774* at the Catholic church in Berg.¹⁷ It is not known if his father, Antonius, was born in Schilligkau, but most likely he was. The Schaller ancestry goes back no farther than Antonius at this time. George's mother, Anna Karl (also spelled Carl on one document) was the daughter of Joannis (John) Carl, a farmer living in House #5 in Horouschen, and of Catherine Zischkin of Zwirschen. She was baptized on 2 June 1770* at the Catholic church in Horouschen.¹⁸

George Schaller was probably a landless laborer like his father, Joseph, who was described in one document as a "hausler" which means a landless laborer. If the father was landless, it was an almost foregone conclusion that the children would also be landless, unless marriage to a landed woman took them to her family's acreage and house.

There is no evidence to show whether George Schaller served in the military, although it is possible. Men, both young and middle-aged, were always vulnerable to conscription, and there were frequent wars and skirmishes throughout Europe. George would have been about eighteen in 1813 when Europe was trying to stem the tide of Napoleon's armies. He may have been conscripted into this war.

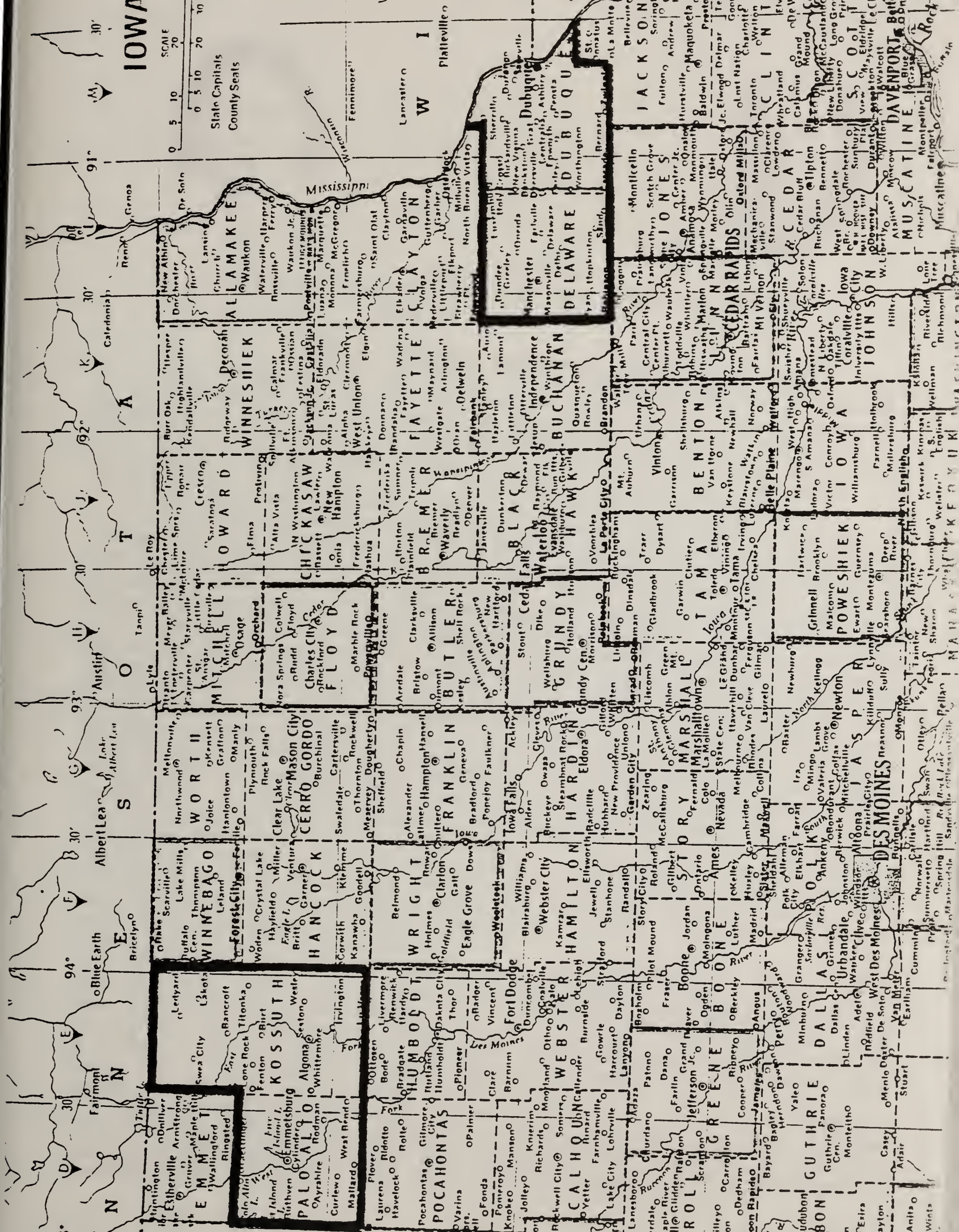
George and Maria became the parents of eight children. Five of these are the siblings around whom this book revolves. Two of the other three died as babies. They were Johann who was born on 8 April 1833* and died the same day.* The other was Joseph who was born on 19 May 1837* and who died 21 February 1838.* Notice that George and Maria named their next children the same name as the babies who died, a rather common practice at that time. The third child, Johann, was born 3 November 1834.* This is the "lost" brother of the five immigrant Schallers, the one who stayed in Schilligkau. This is the brother who proved to be such a mystery for so many years until these records from the archives arrived shortly before publication of this book. This is the brother who wrote his sister, Elizabeth Bonstetter, in 1903 asking for forgiveness and money for his last days. (See "The Lost Schaller Relatives.") This is the Schaller brother whose name was hinted at in the bank draft Elizabeth Bonstetter sent to the Anglo-Austrian bank in 1901. (See "Elizabeth SCHALLER.") This is the brother whose descendants may be the Haas family who now lives in Germany. (See "The Lost Schaller Relatives.")

If little is known about George Schaller, even less is known about his wife, Maria Sandhöfner. In the male-dominated centuries before 1900, married women had almost no identity of their own. A woman was, first and foremost, the wife of some man. Her duty in life was to fulfill that role and produce offspring. Maria died on 11 May 1864,* so she witnessed the emigration of only one of her children to Iowa, that of Mary Sellner. In 1992 when one can board a plane and be in the presence of family in only a few hours, it is difficult to fathom the emotions Maria must have experienced as her oldest child left for better opportunities in America. She knew she would never see her again. In a sense, Mary died to her. Did she mourn as Mary departed, or did she feel a haunting satisfaction because she knew her daughter was escaping an impoverished life? Did her daughter Mary write to her? If she did receive letters, did she need to take them to the priest or village teacher to have them read? Did her immigrant daughter beg Maria to come to live with her and Anton in Iowa? How long did she mourn the two babies she buried in the cemetery surrounding St. Wenceslaus Church? Did she fear the sight of a stranger because he might be the agent that brought an epidemic to Schilligkau? Did she live with constant pain or poor health caused by a childhood injury or illness? Did she ever wish she could wear something other than the dark, drab long skirt and the heavy scarf that covered her head when outdoors? Did she long to cross the Bohemian Forest and see what lay on the other side, or were her experiences so limited that these thoughts never entered her mind? As a young maiden, did she learn to love the folk music and folk dances that had been a part of the German-Bohemian culture for centuries? Was she a lively, comely maiden in her youth or a solid, plain girl? Did she find time to make bobbin lace, a skill practiced by so many women from this area? Did she help with the field work, bringing her babies with her? Was she able to make sense of all the misery and hardship that surely touched her life? The questions could go on endlessly. But with each question, Maria somehow becomes more real to us and ceases to be just the daughter of George Sandhöfner of Natschetin and the wife of George Schaller. She would probably be greatly surprised if she were to know that her descendants to the fourth and fifth generation care how she lived, what she felt, and what she was like as a person. Hopefully, though, she would take it as a compliment.

Five of the six children of George and Maria who grew to adulthood made the decision to begin new lives in America. George Schaller did not even see his younger children grow up, and he witnessed none of their departures for America. Maria, when she died in 1864, left two children under the age of eighteen and would never know that four more of her children would cross the ocean, never to return to Schilligkau. When the last four Schaller siblings went to America, their parents were dead, and they had little reason to stay. Of the five siblings that are known to have come to America, four of them lived many more years in their adopted country than they did in their country of birth.

Like Mary, Joseph, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Anna Schaller, it

is time for the reader to leave Schilligkau, Bohemia, and move on to the new dimension of their lives in the United States of America. What follows is one giant story of the Schaller immigrant children, but it is broken down into five separate units in order to easily follow each brother and sister. Each person has a fascinating story, yet they all connect to one other. It is the hope of the author that the readers will enjoy this narrative.



Enlargement of the map of Iowa showing Delaware, Kossuth, and Palo Alto Counties. From Funk and Wagnalls Hammond World Atlas, 1981.

*Anton and Mary (Schaller) Sellner
and
Their Children*

Elizabeth Duschner

Barbara Siegel

Margaret Ralihan

Joseph Sellner

Fred Sellner



Mary SCHALLER

Daughter of George SCHALLER and Maria SANDHÖFNER
Wife of Anton SELLNER

Mary Schaller was the first child born to George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner of Schilligkau, Bohemia. According to a document prepared in 1855 by the priest at St. Wenceslaus in Berg, Bohemia, Mary Schaller was born in house #9 on 8 October 1830. Baptized the same day, her sponsors were Joseph Näcklar of Berg and Maria Sandhöfner, farmer's wife of Natschetin. This 1855 document was prepared in anticipation of Mary's departure for America.

When the author requested documents from the archives in Pilsen for the children of George and Maria Schaller, the birth record of Mary (Maria) Schaller was not sent nor was the birth record of her sister, Anna Garrett. This is unfortunate, for it makes the documentation of the Schaller siblings incomplete. It also leaves a certain point open to question. If the document prepared in 1855 is correct, Mary Schaller was born eleven days before her parents married on 19 October 1830. This may have been the reason the archivist did not find Mary's record: she would have been recorded as being born to unmarried Maria Sandhöfner, not to Maria Schaller, wife of George Schaller. In studying records from several European villages, the author has found that the above situation was not at all uncommon. George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner's marriage record gives a clue to this situation. Under the marriage entry was added a notation that was very difficult to decipher because of the handwriting. But the words "tochter gebe" could be made out, which roughly translates to "daughter acceptable." The author feels confident, using this clue and experience from other church records, that the notation meant that with the marriage of George and Maria, their daughter was "made acceptable" or legitimized.

Mary Schaller, in German Maria, was destined to live a long and fruitful life. When she died at the age of eighty-one in 1912, she had myriad experiences as a Bohemian peasant, a wife, a sojourner, an immigrant, an American, a mother, a grandmother, and a widow. She and her husband left numerous descendants, many of whom still live in the area of Earlville where she and her husband spent almost all of their married life.

No firsthand accounts exist to tell about Mary's life in Schilligkau. From the general information given in the chapter "Schilligkau Yesterday and Today" about the life of a Bohemian peasant, it is known that Mary and her family would have had a

difficult struggle just to keep the family fed, clothed, and sheltered. There was no such thing as a wealthy peasant. Mary probably had a very basic education, enough to read and write on an elementary level. She attended church in the neighboring town of Berg and probably went to the school there. Boys and girls as well as men and women worked in the fields, so Mary learned young that hard work was essential in order to survive.

How Mary met her future husband is unknown, but oral tradition in the Sellner family related that Anton Sellner was a widower who had one daughter. Anton Sellner, according to an 1855 document, was a son of Josef Sellner, farmer from Trohatin, and Maria Hoffmann who was born in house #20 in the town of Rindl. Anton was a widower at age fifty-two (therefore born about 1803) and was living in house #26 in Trohatin when he married Mary Schaller. Anton was about twenty-seven years older than Mary.

Anton Sellner and Mary Schaller were married 29 May 1855 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in the town of Berg, district of Ronsperg, county of Pilsen, country of Bohemia. This information came from the document prepared in 1855. Mary was living in house #9, the Schaller's home in Schilligkau. Their witnesses were Anton Braun and Peter Gach, a former landowner, both of Trohatin.

It is to be understood that the above information about Anton and Mary's births and their marriage came from documents drawn up in 1855, not at the actual time of the event. The priest retrieved the information from earlier records. In the strictest sense, the two baptismal documents and the marriage record are not primary sources. A primary source is one written at the time of the event or very shortly thereafter. There is little doubt that these documents were needed in order for the newly married couple to go to America.

Oral tradition among descendants of the Sellner family related that Anton Sellner had been married and later widowed. It is known that he had one adult daughter and that she remained in Bohemia. Also, a brother of Anton's named Johann Sellner came along to America. His papers, along with Mary and Anton's, were discovered in the attic of the house on the old Sellner farm near Earlville, Iowa. How fortunate it is that these family papers were somehow saved for 137 years! They were translated in 1981 by Reverend Walter Dimmlich, a retired minister in Manchester, Iowa, who is German by birth. These documents were especially helpful in piecing together the Sellner story. Another item among the old papers saved by the Sellner family was a handwritten entry on lined notebook paper. It was written in English by an unknown person and was done after 1912. In this entry, Anton and Mary's marriage date was given as 26 June 1855. The document referred to earlier gave 29 May 1855 as their marriage date. The second date is the correct one. The 26 June 1855 date was the date the priest prepared the document, not the date of the wedding.

Anton and Mary Sellner left Schilligkau in 1855 shortly after procuring the necessary papers to leave Bohemia for America. Mary's obituary (newspaper and date unknown) stated they came to this country the same year they were married--1855. The same is

stated in the handwritten family record mentioned in the previous paragraph. According to that same obituary, after arriving in America the Sellners remained "in the east for several years, after which they moved westward and settled on a farm near New Vienna, Iowa, where they resided until they purchased their farm near Earlville, where she resided to the time of her death." The tantalizing question remains: what is meant by "in the east?" Does it mean the eastern United States or perhaps eastern Iowa? Again referring to the handwritten story, the writer said the Sellners landed at New York "thence to Dubuque where they were met by some Dyersville people. They spent the first night at Dyersville in the Joe Stoeckl home." If the lined entry is followed chronologically, "in the east" probably meant Dyersville because Anton worked three years in Dyersville (1855-1858) helping build the railroad before buying forty acres in Dixon settlement north of New Vienna, Iowa. This probably was the farm in Colony Township of Delaware County, Iowa, where they were counted by the census on 7 August 1860. Their post office, Colesburg, was a small town in the extreme northeast corner of Delaware County.

About the very same time the Sellners left Bohemia, there was a migration of German-Bohemians from the district of Bischofteinitz in Bohemia to eastern Iowa around the area of New Vienna. In 1856 some of these same German-Bohemians chose to leave after one year and move to Brown County, Minnesota, near New Ulm. It would be interesting to know the reason the Sellners decided to stay while so many others went to Minnesota to take advantage of cheaper farm land. Perhaps Anton was tired of traveling and felt a bird in hand was better than two in the tree. For whatever reason, Anton and Mary stayed in Delaware County where so many of their descendants still live.

Mary and Anton Sellner had five known children. They were:

1. Elizabeth born 12 July 1856/1857, Colony Township, Delaware County, Ia.
Married 29 June 1874 to Frederick Duschner.
Died circa 1930-1932 at the home of her son, Joseph Duschner at Franklin, Minnesota.
Buried Morgan, Minnesota.
2. Barbara born 2 February 1861 in Colony Township, Delaware County, Iowa.
Married Andrew Siegel 25 January 1881* at Dyersville, Iowa.
Died 2 November 1925 at the home of her daughter, Rose Lillibridge of Manchester, Iowa.
Buried St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Iowa.
3. Margaret born circa 1864 in Colony Township, Delaware County, Iowa.
Married William Patrick Ralihan, date and place unknown.
Died after 1930, probably in Texas.
Burial place unknown.

4. Joseph born 2 March 1867 in Bremen Township, Delaware County, Iowa.
Married Elizabeth Kathryn Schiltz 15 February 1898 at Dubuque, Iowa.
Died 14 October 1952 near Earlville, Iowa.
Buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Earlville, Iowa.
5. Fredrick born circa 1871-1875 in Bremen Township, Delaware County, Iowa.
Married Katharine Mack in March 1901* (the day was cut off the document) in Delaware County, Iowa.
Death date unknown.
Burial place unknown.

According to the 1900 Federal Census, Mary Schaller was the mother of seven children, five of whom were then living. It might be assumed, then, that she had two other children who probably died as infants or young children. Their names are unknown.

On 27 September 1866,* Anton Sellner bought from George and Amelia Harper of Delaware County, Iowa, for \$2,100 eighty acres of land that was to become his and his family's permanent home. It was located in section nineteen of Bremen Township, the south half of the northeast quarter. This same piece of land is still in the family of a direct descendant, Anton Sellner's great-grandson, Joseph T. Sellner.

In the 1870 census, the Sellners were living in section nineteen of Bremen Township, Delaware County and their post office was Earlville. By that time, Anton and Mary had children Elizabeth, Barbara, Margaret, and Joseph. Living next to them were Mary's brother and sister, Joseph and Elizabeth Schaller. What kind of house the Sellners had while living on their section nineteen farm is unknown. Perhaps it was a log cabin because the area had a plentiful supply of trees. Later, an L-shaped frame house was built, the style seen so often in Iowa and referred to as prairie architecture. The Sellner family retains a photo of this house with three generations of Sellners sitting in front of it. (See photo #15.) In 1928 a large, square house was built, and a few years later the old house was torn down. However, the last remanent of that earlier house disappeared only a few years ago. A twelve foot by twelve foot cellar under the old house was preserved by putting down a floor and building a utility shed over it. By 1988 the floor had become so old and dangerous that Anton's great-grandson, Joe Sellner, filled in the cellar and tore down the building.

Even though Anton was at least twenty-seven years older than Mary, they still had a relatively long married life. They were married only one month short of twenty-four years when Anton died on 27 April 1879. (The handwritten story incorrectly gave 27 April 1870 as his date of death.) He was buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Dyersville, Iowa.

Mary was left with four unmarried children to raise. Her oldest daughter, Elizabeth, had already married Fred Duschner in

1874. In the 1880 census, Mary and her family were still in Bremen Township. In addition to Margaret, Joseph, and Fred there was also living in the same household daughter Elizabeth, her husband Fred, and their children Mary, Barbara and Andrew. (Barbara Sellner was staying with her aunt and uncle, Joseph and Anna Garrett.)

One wonders how closely Mary stayed in touch with her brother and sisters during this part of her life. Did she correspond with those who lived "out west" by West Bend, Iowa? Did they ever visit back and forth? The railroad to West Bend was completed in 1881. Did Mary and the children ever take the train and visit sisters Barbara Fehlhauer and Elizabeth Bonstetter and brother Joseph? Did she come to West Bend when her brother married Anna Weinzetl on 5 September 1881? Did she have any words of sisterly advice when she learned Joseph was marrying a girl young enough to be his daughter, a situation very similar to her own? If she visited, did brother-in-law John Fehlhauer put them up in his new hotel built in 1882 in West Bend? Mary's sister, Anna Garrett, lived only a few miles away. Did they stay close to one another, sharing family events such as baptisms, marriages, and holidays? Since they were the only family members close by, perhaps the Sellners and Garretts did gather together for these happy events.

The 1885 Iowa State Census form was different from previous ones. It asked the description of the land on which people lived, data that helped put people in a definite place within a township. Mary, Margaret, Joseph, and Fred were living on the southwest fourth of the northeast fourth of section nineteen of township eighty-nine (Bremen) in 1885, six years after Anton's death. Since all of the 1890 Federal census returns were destroyed in a fire, there is a fifteen-year gap before Mary Sellner is found again. In 1900 she was living with her son, Joseph, on the same family farm.

The next information about Mary comes in the form of letters. Most people are aware that letters tell much more than what is said with mere words. Reading between the lines becomes a way of discovering feelings and nuances in family relationships. Some letters written by Mary Sellner's grandchildren to their cousin, Joe Schaller, in West Bend alluded to the fact that Mary was still a very important part of the family, a valued member, the real heart. Even though the complexion of the Sellner family had changed with the passing years, Mary seemed to maintain the role of beloved elder. The following passages from letters tell something about Mary and the people who loved her. "Grandma is some better, is up and around again."¹⁹ Also, "Grandma is also improving is able to get out of bed alone. Ma and Andy was down there Thurs."²⁰

Another side of Mary showed in a quote of one of her grandchildren, Mayme Krogmann, in a December 1988 story in the Manchester Press: "Then of course my grandma said, 'My golly, look a there! The reindeer ate all the oats that I put out there.'" The typical loving grandmother shines through the quote.

The census records again become the best means of following Mary in her journey through life. The Sellner family said Mary

lived her last years with her son Joseph and his family on the home farm by Earlville, and evidence points to that fact. However, in the 1910 census Mary was not enumerated with the Joseph Sellners, with her daughter Barbara Siegel in Dyersville, nor with her daughter Elizabeth Duschner near Colesburg, Iowa. Her whereabouts in April of 1910 remain a mystery.

The comments made by Mary Sellner's grandchildren in letters to their West Bend cousin indicate that her health had been failing for some time. On 5 September 1912, Mary (Schaller) Sellner died at the home of her son, Joseph Sellner. It had been her own home for forty-six years. She was buried in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Iowa.

With Mary's death, the matriarch of not only the Sellner but also of the Schaller family, was gone. She was the eldest of the living Schaller siblings in the United States by eight years, and her brother and sisters must have looked to her as their stabilizing influence. Five grown children survived her, and she left many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had outlived her husband by thirty-three years. Unlike the surname Schaller, which is barely surviving, Mary and her husband left numerous Sellner descendants not only in blood, but also in name, and they populate the surrounding area.



Elizabeth SELLNER
Daughter of Anton SELLNER and Mary SCHALLER
Wife of Frederick DUSCHNER

According to her obituary, Elizabeth Sellner was born 12 July 1856 on the Sellner farm four miles northeast of Earlville, Iowa. This information is open to question. Firstly, she may have been born 12 July 1857 as stated in the 1900 census, not 1856. The obituary also stated she was born on the farm then owned by her brother, Joseph Sellner. This is probably an error because her father did not buy that farm until 1866, years after Elizabeth was born. In all probability, she was born on their first farm in Colony Township of Delaware County, Iowa.

Elizabeth moved with her parents to the Earlville farm in 1866 and grew up there. In 1870 at age twelve, she was working at home but had not attended school within the year. On 29 June 1874 she

married Fredrick Duschner. This date came from Fred's undated newspaper obituary. According to that same obituary, he was born 29 September 1846 in Oberpfalz, Phichtag, Bavaria. He came to America in 1866 and settled in the Earlville area. In 1870 he was working for an established farmer named Albert Walkbanche in Bremen Township. Four years later he had married the eldest child of Anton and Mary Sellner.

Fred and Elizabeth had seven known children: Mary, Barbara, Andrew, Margaret, Lizzie, Joseph A., and Frederick C. Most of these families are lost to both the Sellner and Schaller lines, and many of their descendants are unknown. Only the Andrew Duschner family in Minnesota was able to be located.

In 1880 Fred and Elizabeth were living in Elizabeth's mother's house in Bremen Township along with their three small children. In all, nine people called the Sellner farm "home."

The year 1900 found the Duschners renting a farm in Oneida Township. Their older daughters, Mary and Barbara, were working as hired girls in other households. At home with them were Andy, Elizabeth, Joe, and Fred. Some of these were the brothers and sisters whose letters to Joe Schaller of West Bend have been preserved. Daughter Margaret Duschner is not accounted for in this census.

About 1910 the Duschner family began a new and exciting venture. Evidently Fred wanted to improve his financial situation. As was so often the case, these Iowa farmers looked to less expensive land, and Minnesota filled the bill. Between 1910 and 1911 the Duschners and some of their adult children moved to a farm near Gilfillan, Minnesota, in Redwood County. A very illuminating letter from Lizzie to her cousin, Joe Schaller, told more about their new land. Lizzie was unmarried and living with her parents near Earlville when she wrote this.

November 7, 1909

You know or haven't I told you that Andrew [her brother] has been in Minnesota since the first week in September We expected him home today but he didn't get here. He has been up there plowing. He bought a place-160-acres. This spring. Fred Sellner [Andrew's uncle] has also rented a 160 acre place joining his so he is up there plowing at both places. and will move up this coming spring. Pa [Fred Duschner] was up there a few weeks ago and bought a 200 acre farm fine buildings about two miles from their places, but the renter has a contract for another year so we can't move up until a year from this spring. [1911] It's about four miles from Morgan a town a little larger than W.B. [West Bend] but there is a small station about 2 miles from there. This is in Redwood County.²¹

Over the years, contact between the Andy Duschner family in Minnesota and the Sellners back in Iowa was lost. Using an old address, the author wrote a Duschner descendant and contact was reestablished in 1991 and 1992. They provided many of the descendants listed in the table of descendants and the following information about Andy Duschner. Andrew Duschner married Emma Katherine Kipp on 10 February 1910 at New Vienna, Iowa. Shortly after marriage, they moved to Redwood County, Minnesota. They had three children: John, Margaret, and Alice. Emma Duschner died on 13 July 1887 shortly after giving birth to Alice and was buried in St. Michael's cemetery in Morgan, Minnesota. Alice was taken by her Kipp grandmother near New Hampton, Iowa, until Alice's death two years later on 15 March 1916. Later in 1916, Andrew and his two surviving children moved to Pierz, Minnesota. In 1917 Andrew married Marie Grell. Andrew Duschner died 5 August 1944 and was buried at Bulldog Lake, Minnesota. His two children and their families remained in the area of Pierz.

The whereabouts of Andrew's siblings and their families is unknown.

Fred and Elizabeth's undated obituaries were saved in the papers of the Sellner family, and they provide the following facts. Fred died at Morgan, Minnesota, of stomach cancer and was buried in the Catholic cemetery there. (His death occurred between 1910 and 1932.) Elizabeth Duschner died at the home of her son, Joseph, at Franklin, Minnesota. This event took place between 1930 and 1932. She was survived by all seven of her children and was buried in the Catholic cemetery in Morgan.



Barbara SELLNER

Daughter of Anton SELLNER and Mary SCHALLER
Wife of Andrew SIEGEL

According to her obituary, Barbara Sellner was born on 2 February 1861 at Petersburg, Iowa. Petersburg probably referred to the first Sellner farm in Colony Township. Barbara was the second known child of Anton and Mary Sellner. (There may have been an unknown child who died as an infant born between Elizabeth's

birth in 1856/1857 and Barbara's in 1861. The 1900 census gave the information that Mary Sellner was the mother of seven children, five living, and one of them may have been born in this time period.) Barbara grew up on the family farms near Petersburg and later Earlville. In 1880 she was working as a hired girl for her aunt and uncle, Joseph and Anna Garrett. On 25 January 1881* she was married to Andrew Siegel at Dyersville, Iowa.²² Barbara's obituary stated they lived two years on a farm near Petersburg and then moved permanently to Dyersville. However, the 1885 Iowa State Census proved this to be incorrect. In 1885 Andrew and Elizabeth and their daughter, Catherine, were still on section eighteen of Bremen Township. It was probably after 1885 rather than in 1883 that they moved permanently to Dyersville.

According to family sources, Andrew Siegel was born 17 November of either 1849 or 1851 in Austria. He came to America in 1870 according to the information he gave the census taker in 1900. He must have arrived in America before 15 July 1870, for on that date he was found living in Bremen Township of Delaware County with a farmer named Fritz "Saaho" (this spelling may be inaccurate) along with Franky Siegel, age two, and Joseph Siegel, age eleven months. Interestingly, there were no female Siegels living in the household, so one wonders how these children were related to Andrew. In 1900 the Siegels and their seven living children were in Dyersville. Andrew's occupation was a teamster. The younger children were attending school.

Andrew and Elizabeth became the parents of eight children: Catherine, Lizzie, Andrew, Anna Margaret, Mary Magdalena, Anton, Rose, and Frances Barbara. Many of these children and many of their numerous descendants stayed in eastern and southeastern Iowa.

Andrew Siegel died on 20 or 21 December 1905 and was buried in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Dyersville. His widow continued to live in Dyersville. By 1910 some of her adult children were married, or single but not living at home. Lizzie was sewing in a shirt factory. Later she would marry Ray McVay. In a 1908 letter to her cousin, Joe Schaller, she related that she was making overalls and jackets "but there ain't as much money in it as in shirts."²³ Lizzie's little sisters, Rose and Frances, were living at home. Brother Andy was working for an unnamed farmer near Earlville and earning \$26 a month. He told Joe Schaller this in a letter he wrote on 22 March 1908.

Barbara (Sellner) Siegel lived twenty years longer than her husband. Her lengthy obituary did not give her date of death, but a family source supplied 2 November 1925 as the day she died. She died at the home of her daughter, Rose Lillibridge, at Manchester, Iowa. She was buried at Dyersville's Catholic cemetery.

Margaret SELLNER
Daughter of Anton SELLNER and Mary SCHALLER
Wife of Patrick RALIHAN

Very little is known about Anton and Mary's daughter, Margaret. Most of what is known about her came from census records or bits of oral history. She was born circa 1864, probably on her parent's Colony Township farm in Delaware County, Iowa. She was enumerated with her family in the 1870 census. In the 1880 census she was sixteen and described as "keeping house." In 1885 Margaret was still with her family on the home farm. Her age was given as twenty years.

Relatives in other branches of the Sellner family provided the oral history about Margaret's next stage of life as a young adult. Against her parent's wishes (her father would have already been dead), she married a traveling man who was working on the railroad in the area. In the open society of the 1990s, it might be hard to understand this opposition. However, a hundred years ago young people were expected to marry someone of similar background, and better yet, let it be the young farmer down the road. Sometime after her circa 1886-1889 marriage to William Patrick Ralihan (spelling may be Relihan or Rellihan), the young couple sought their fortune in Texas. They had seven known children and possibly an eighth who died before 1900. The seven known children were: Barbara M., Mary E., Joseph P., William, Annya F. (Kitty), Mabel, and Adella. The oldest child, Barbara, was born 30 May 1890, possibly near Dyersville, Iowa. The others were born in different areas of Texas: Sherman, Fort Worth, and Azle.

For a number of years, there was little contact with the Ralihans in Texas. Patrick may have continued working for the railroad because two letters were written in 1894 on stationary from the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company. The letters were written from Sherman by Margaret to her brother, Joe Sellner, at Earlville.²⁴ In both letters she was asking Joe for money to help their brother, Fred Sellner, return home. Evidently, he had come to Texas to travel and/or work but had no money to get back to Iowa. His sister wanted to help but did not have enough money herself. Joe sent Margaret \$42 to give Fred.

Just as interesting as the content of these letters was the tone of them. If there was any estrangement, it certainly wasn't evident. She called Joe "Brother" several times, and it was apparent that earlier letters had been exchanged because she updated Joe by telling him Barbray (her spelling) and Mary were better after being "bad sick." At the end of the second letter she wrote, "i send my best Love to you and mothe mary." And with a charming Texas twist she adds, "Patt send his best love to mother you all."

The 1900 and 1910 census returns showed the Ralihans living in Tarrant County, Texas, north of Fort Worth, but with those 1894 letters all personal information about Margaret and Patrick ceases. It is known they had eight children, that three of those died

young, and that the other five married and had descendants. Presently, a granddaughter farms part of the land her grandfather, Pat, bought forty miles north of Abilene, Texas. Some of the Sellner relatives from Earlville visited Margaret's grandchildren just a few years ago. The death dates and places of burial for both Patrick and Margaret are unknown.



Joseph SELLNER

Son of Anton SELLNER and Mary SCHALLER
Husband of Elizabeth SCHILTZ

Joseph Sellner, Anton and Mary's first son, was born on section nineteen in Bremen Township, Delaware County, Iowa on 2 March 1867. Like his cousin, Joe Schaller of West Bend, he would take over operation of the family farm. Unlike the Schallers, however, the Sellners would continue to own and operate that land up to the present day. Joseph was living with his parents and three older sisters in the 1870 census. At age three he would have been too young to be in school, as was his sister Barbara. In 1880 he again was with his family and was thirteen years old. Since his father had died the year before, Joseph probably had the work responsibilities of an adult. His sister and her husband and their children, the Duschners, were living with them, so Fred may have been acting as the male head of the family after Anton's death. In 1885 the Duschners were no longer living with Mary Sellner, but Margaret, Joseph, and Fred were.

Joseph was a young man of eighteen in 1885, and he must have worked hard to continue to improve the home farm. Not for another thirteen years did he decide to marry. On 15 February 1898 he married a young lady from Dubuque, Iowa, by the name of Elizabeth Kathryn Schiltz. They were married at Sacred Heart Church in Dubuque. According to family records, Lizzie Schiltz was born 17 May 1872 to Peter Schiltz and Mary Leuer. The Sellner family also retains a clipping from Joseph and Lizzie's 1898 wedding. The ceremony was conducted by Father John S. Baumann, and a wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home at 2005 Washington Street.

Joseph was described as "a wealthy young farmer" and Lizzie as "a young lady of many charms and accomplishments." The young couple settled on the ancestral Sellner farm on section nineteen of Bremen Township of Delaware County, Iowa. In the 1900 census, Joseph was listed as head of the family, and his mother was living with them.

Joseph and Lizzie had three children: Mary, called Mayme; Andrew Peter; and Leo Peter. Mayme, at this writing, resides at Good Neighbor Home in Manchester, Iowa. She was born 16 December 1898. At the age of ninety-three, she is the last of her generation still alive. She and her husband, John Krogmann, did not have children. Her brothers, Andrew and Leo, both had large families. These families and their children take credit for the many Sellner descendants that populate eastern Iowa.

The Joseph Sellner family kept in contact with their West Bend cousins. From the early 1900s up to the present time, these cousins, who all share the same Schaller bloodline, have visited back and forth and written letters. Pictures show the Joseph Sellners visiting the Joseph Schallers at West Bend. It seems there was always a special bond between the two families. This bond may have been forged in 1908 when Joe Schaller took the train to visit his Duschner, Siegel, and Sellner cousins near Earlville. Over the years the visits were continued by the children of both Josephs. Usually, a trip from West Bend to Dubuque by the Schallers would necessitate a stop at Earlville. Now another generation has taken the initiative to continue this special relationship with visits and letters. In some cases, because so much time has passed, the individuals stopping to see relatives aren't even sure how they are related, but they know they are "cousins."

This special link was strengthened once again on 20 July 1991 at New Ulm, Minnesota, when Schaller and Sellner cousins once again renewed their friendship. The event was the long-awaited dedication of the German-Bohemian Immigrants monument at German Park. Members of the Minnesota German-Bohemian Society had worked extremely hard to make the monument a reality. The monument is an 800 pound bronze statue of three figures representing German-Bohemian families who settled in New Ulm and the surrounding area. The artist who created the work was Leopold Hafner of Passau, Germany, who was born in the district of Bischofteinitz in Bohemia. The granite base on which the sculpture sets shows maps of the areas in Bohemia where the immigrants originated and the area in and around New Ulm where they ultimately settled. At the base of the monument are over 350 German-Bohemian immigrant family names. The name SCHALLER, though our ancestors did not settle near New Ulm, is one name that is proudly displayed on the monument. The SELLNER name also appears on the base, but it does not represent the Earlville Sellners, but rather Sellners who settled near New Ulm and whose relationship to the Earlville Sellners is undetermined.

The meeting of the Sellner cousins with their Schaller cousins in New Ulm almost didn't happen, however. Because the author felt this was a special occasion, she urged her Schaller and Sellner

relatives to attend the dedication, unaware just who or how many might come. The author, her sister and husband, and five of her aunt and uncles with spouses came from Texas, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota to attend. Three from the Minnesota Stattelmann family also came. After the dedication ceremonies, the Schaller family trekked to the museum to see a display of German-Bohemian memorabilia but were unaware that Sellners were also in the museum. The sharp eyes of a Sellner cousin spotted a Schaller name tag, and a whole roomful of Sellner cousins appeared! Five children of the Andy Sellner family along with their spouses and some children, also came to New Ulm for the big event. In all, twenty-six people were present to represent the descendants of the Schaller and Sellner lines. The next morning, some of these relatives attended a special Mass at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Many of the songs sung by the Böhmerwald Singers (members of the German-Bohemian Society) were Bavarian hymns preserved by composer Ferdinand Neumaier in his work Die Waldler Messe. The entire dedication event was a wonderful and heartwarming experience for all of these descendants of Joseph Sellner of Earlville, Iowa, and Joseph Schaller of West Bend, Iowa.

Joseph and Lizzie Sellner, grandparents of the Sellners who visited in New Ulm, lived long and fulfilled lives. They celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in 1948. Joseph died first on 14 October 1952 at his home. He was buried three days later in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earlville. His cousin, Joe Schaller of West Bend, who was eighteen years younger than his Sellner cousin, attended his funeral. Lizzie Sellner lived four years longer than her husband and died 24 December 1956. She was buried in the Earlville Catholic Cemetery. She and Joseph had been married for sixty-four and a half years.



Fred SELLNER

Son of Anton SELLNER and Mary SCHALLER
Husband of Katherine MACK

As in the case of his sister, Margaret Ralihan, very little is known about Fred Sellner, Anton and Mary's youngest child. His birth date is hard to determine even from census records. He was

born circa 1871-1875 and might be called a trail-along baby because his mother was at least forty and his father at least sixty-eight when he was born.

The census records were not much help in tracing Fred because, in many cases, he could not be located. In March of 1901 he married Katherine Mack in Delaware County, Iowa.*²⁵ Katherine was the daughter of Christ Mack and Maggie, last name unknown. She was born in Elkport, Iowa, but was living in Delhi Township of Delaware County, Iowa, when she married Fred. In 1909 Fred was renting 160 acres near Morgan, Minnesota, in Redwood County.²⁶ In 1912 when his mother died, he was living near Morton, Minnesota, in Renville County. These two towns are only twelve miles apart. At one time he lived in Mahnomen, Minnesota. In the time period of 1930 to 1932 he was living in or near Winona, Minnesota.

Fred and Katherine had one known child, a daughter by the name of Selma Wright. An attempt to contact this daughter was unsuccessful. It appears that Fred and Katherine moved frequently, and it is only speculation that their last place of residence was near Winona, Minnesota. Perhaps at a future date some contact can be made with this lost Fred Sellner line. The death dates and burial places of both Fred and Katherine are unknown.

Photos of
Mary (SCHALLER) SELLNER and her Family

- #13 Mary (Schaller) Sellner. Original photo a 2.5 by 4 inch carte-de-visite, no markings. Ca. 1865-1870.
- #14 Four generations of Sellner women. Back: Mary (Duschner) Burrow-Ham. Middle: Mary (Schaller) Sellner and Elizabeth (Sellner) Duschner. Front: Hazel Bent (Bent was her married name), daughter of Mary Burrow-Ham. Ca. 1906.
- #15 The Sellner home in Bremen Twp., Delaware Co., Ia., ca. 1910. Elizabeth (Schiltz) Sellner, Mayme Sellner, Mary (Schaller) Sellner, Leo Sellner, Joseph Sellner.
- #16 Andrew Duschner, ca. 1905-1910.
- #17 John and Margaret Duschner, children of Andrew and Emma Duschner, ca. 1917.
- #18 Andrew Duschner and Emma Kipp wedding photo, 1910. Attendants: Joe Duschner (Andrew's brother) and uncertain.
- #19 Andrew Siegel and Barbara Sellner wedding photo, 1881. Barbara was the daughter of Anton and Mary (Schaller) Sellner.
- #20 Barbara Siegel and her children, ca. 1910. Back: Elizabeth, Anna, Andrew, Kate, Mary Magdalena. Front: Rose, Barbara, Frances.
- #21 Joseph Sellner and Elizabeth Schiltz wedding photo, 1898. Attendants: Fred Sellner (brother of Joseph) and Mary Hoffman.
- #22 Joseph and Elizabeth Sellner, 50th anniversary, 1948.
- #23 Joseph Sellner family. Back: Leo, Mayme, Andy. Front: Joseph and Elizabeth.
- #24 John Krogmann and Mayme Sellner wedding, 1919.
- #25 John and Mayme Krogmann, 50th anniversary, 1976.
- #26 Andrew Sellner and Dorothy Kelchen wedding, 1926.
- #27 Andy and Dorothy Sellner, 50th anniversary, 1976.
- #28 Leo Sellner and Agnes Roling wedding.



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Supplicat.



N. Exh. 86. an 1855.

Taufschein.

Dem Ewigenmächtigsten Vorgesetzten und dem dort Stuhl-
sitzenen Geistlichen d. H. jag. 37, vom Jahre 1805
unsern, und Maria Schaller, Witten von Ge-
org Schaller, Landwirt und Schillingkau N. L. G. Bo-
heim und Böhmen, Pilsener Cammer in Lunden
Boheim, und dem Herrn, wohnhaft in Lunden von
Georg Schaller, Lunden in Pilsener N. L. G. Bo-
heim, und seiner Gemahlin, geb. geb.
von Pilsener und Schillingkau Lunden in Pilsener N. L. G.
Boheim, am 8. October des Jahres ein Tausend, acht
Hundert dreißig / 1830 / geboren, und nun selbst
Tage in der Pfundkirche das St. Michael in Berg von
dem Ewigenmächtigsten Herrn, Lunden in Pilsener N. L. G.
Boheim, und seiner Gemahlin, geb. geb. von Pilsener
Lunden in Pilsener N. L. G. Boheim, und seiner Gemahlin,
geb. geb. von Pilsener Lunden in Pilsener N. L. G. Boheim.
Lunden in Pilsener N. L. G. Boheim, und seiner Gemahlin,
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geb. geb. von Pilsener Lunden in Pilsener N. L. G. Boheim.



Thomas Andlitzky
Pfarrer in Berg.

Baptism document drawn up 28 June 1855 in Berg, Bohemia, recording the birth of Maria Schaller [later Sellner] on 8 October 1830. Parents: George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner of Schillingkau. This documentation was needed so Mary to go to America. Document courtesy of the Sellner family.

Petersburg Iowa

North

(Colony)



1875 township map of Bremen Township in Delaware County, Iowa.
Anton Sellner bought eighty acres in section nineteen in 1866.

Promissory note from Dubuque County, Iowa, 27 September 1866. Anton Sellner purchased eighty acres in section nineteen of Delaware County, Iowa. Note Anton's signature and Mary's use of an X to sign her name. Document courtesy of the Sellner family.

with the interest thereon at the rate of ten percent according to the promissory note of the said Anton Sellner bearing even date with these presents; then otherwise to be and remain in full force.

And the said Mary Sellner wife of the said Anton Sellner hereby relinquishes her right of dower to the premises hereby conveyed. In witness whereof, The said party of the first part has hereunto set their hand and seal the date first above written.

IN PRESENCE OF

John Christopher

Anton Sellner

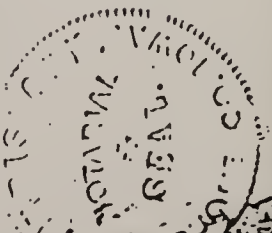
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Dubuque County, ss.

Be it remembered, that on the

27th day of September A. D. 1866,

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Witness, My hand and Notarial seal the day and year above written.

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I hereby certify that this is the original of the above written instrument and that the same is true and correct.

Mary (Maria) **SCHALLER**

Born: 8 October 1830 at Schilligkau, Bohemia.
Married: Anton **SELLNER** on 29 May 1855 at St. Wenceslaus Church,
Berg, Bohemia. (Now Horá Svatého Václava,
Czechoslovakia.)
Died: 5 September 1912 on farm in Oneida Township, Delaware
County, Ia.
Buried: St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.

- I. Elizabeth A. **SELLNER** b. 12 July 1856/1857, Colony Twp.,
Delaware Co., Ia.
m. Frederick **DUSCHNER** (29 Sept 1846-?) on 29 June 1874.
d. circa 1930-1932, Franklin, Mn.
bur. Catholic cemetery, Morgan, Mn.
ch: A. Mary **DUSCHNER** b. circa 1874, Delaware Co., Ia.
m. 1st ?
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Hazel b. circa 1902, Delaware
Co., Ia.
m. **BENT**.
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
Mary **DUSCHNER**
m. 2nd Frank J. **BURROW** (b. circa 1864-?)
circa 1906.
ch: 2. Mary Ella **BURROW** b. circa 1907, Delaware
Co., Ia.
m. **MERRICK**
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
3. daughter **BURROW**.
m.
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
Mary **DUSCHNER**
m. 3rd **HAM**.
B. Barbara **DUSCHNER** b. circa 1879, Delaware Co. Ia.
m. Charles E. **GOODWIN**.
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
C. Andrew **DUSCHNER** b. circa 1879-1880,
Delaware Co. Ia.

m. 1st Emma Katherine KIPP (13 July 1887-
 8 Apr 1914) on 10 Feb 1910, New Vienna, Ia.
 d. 5 Aug 1944.
 bur. Holy Family Cemetery, Bulldog Lake, Mn.
 ch: 1. John Joseph DUSCHNER b. 27 Dec 1910,
 Redwood Co, Mn.
 m. Hildegarde Ann MEYER (28 Mar 1918-1 Sept
 1975) on 7 Oct 1937, Pierz, Mn.
 d. 4 June 1989.
 bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, Pierz, Mn.
 ch: a. Linda DUSCHNER b. 17 Aug 1945,
 Pierz, Mn.
 m. Richard Alan MUNSINGER
 (11 May 1944).
 ch: (1) Joel Richard MUNSINGER
 b. 2 Apr 1970, Duluth,
 Mn.
 (2) Aaron John MUNSINGER
 b. 20 Mar 1977,
 Coldspring, Mn.
 b. Sandra Theresa DUSCHNER
 b. 14 June 1954, Little Falls,
 Mn.
 m. Daniel John WURZER (23 Aug
 1952) on 24 May 1975, Pierz, Mn.
 ch: (1) Bryce Allen WURZER
 b. 6 July 1976,
 Little Falls, Mn.
 (2) Todd Daniel WURZER
 b. 23 May 1980,
 St. Cloud, Mn.
 c. Leon John DUSCHNER b. 9 Oct
 1956, Little Falls, Mn.
 m. Virginia Rose CIMENSKI
 (30 July 1959) on 20 June 1981,
 Royalton, Mn.
 ch: (1) John Anthony DUSCHNER
 b. 1 Aug 1982, Little
 Falls, Mn.
 (2) Stephanie Auralia
 DUSCHNER b. 9 May
 1984, Little Falls.
 (3) Nathan Joseph DUSCHNER
 b. 5 Sept 1985,
 Little Falls, Mn.
 (4) Scott Daniel DUSCHNER
 b. 12 July 1991,
 St. Cloud, Mn.

2. Margaret Elizabeth DUSCHNER
 b. 28 Jan 1912, Redwood Co, Mn.
 m. 1st Edward SEPPELT (Apr 1903-
 23 Aug 1948) on 3 Nov 1930, Morrill, Mn.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Robert William **SEPPELT**
b. 21 Sept 1932, Buckman, Mn.
m. Genevieve **MEYER** (12 July
1937) on 3 June 1958, Pierz, Mn.

ch: (1) Neal **SEPPELT**
b. 8 Apr 1959,
Little Falls, Mn.
m. Linda **MOREN** (5 Oct
1959) on 19 May 1979,
Buckman, Mn.

ch: (a) Joshua
SEPPELT b.
29 Jan 1981.

(b) Jill **SEPPELT**
b. 10 Feb
1983.

(c) Lori **SEPPELT**
b. 24 Mar
1988.

(2) Dean **SEPPELT** b. 12 Nov
1960, Little Falls
Mn.

m. Cindy **DUEA** (24 Dec
1968) on 7 May 1988,
Rice, Mn.

ch: (a) Nicole
SEPPELT b.
23 Aug 1988.

(3) Paul E. **SEPPELT**
b. 12 June 1964,
Little Falls, Mn.
m. Kim **BLOCK** (25 May
1965) on 23 June 1984,
Buckman, Mn.

ch: (a) Angie
SEPPELT
b. 21 Aug
1984.

(b) Matthew
SEPPELT
b. 9 Oct
1985.

(c) Michael
SEPPELT
b. 28 Dec
1989.

(4) Mary Kay **SEPPELT**
b. 14 July 1966,
Little Falls, Mn.
m. Joel **GRITZMACHER**

- (30 Mar 1964) on
24 May 1986,
Buckman, Mn.
ch: (a) Samantha Jo
GRITZMACHER
b. 19 May
1989.
- b. Lester John SEPPELT b. 10 Feb
1934, Buckman, Mn.
m. Romaine MEYER (2 Oct 1938)
on 31 May 1960, Lastrup, Mn.
ch. (1) Sinthia Ann SEPPELT
b. 23 Dec 1960,
Onamia, Mn.
(2) Mark Michael SEPPELT
b. 16 Jan 1962,
Onamia, Mn.
m. Nancy JUETTEN
on 8 Aug 1987.
ch: (a) Katlyn SEPPELT
b. 7 Apr 1990.
(b) Cassandra
SEPPELT
b. 30 Jan 1992
(3) Michelle Marie SEPPELT
b. 16 Oct 1965, Onamia.
(4) Renata Kay SEPPELT b.22
Mar 1969, Onamia, Mn.
m. John HENRY on 1 Sept
1990.
ch: (a) Seth HENRY
b. 28 May 1991
- c. Kenneth SEPPELT b. 7 June 1936,
Buckman, Mn.
m. Doreen BILLMEYER (13 Apr 1939)
on 7 Jan 1961, Pierz, Mn.
ch: (1) Carol Marie SEPPELT
b. 3 Feb 1964, Mpls. Mn.
m. Timothy SENDE (8 Aug
1957) on 21 May 1988,
Cambridge, Mn.
ch: (a) Hannah Marie
SEPPELT b. 26
Apr. 1990,
Mpls., Mn.
(2) Keith Edward SEPPELT
b. 29 June 1971,
Cambridge, Mn.
- d. Mary Ella SEPPELT b. 4 Feb 1944,
Little Falls, Mn.
m. Delroy THOMMES (9 Jan 1940) on
30 July 1962, Lastrup, Mn.

- ch: (1) Jeffrey THOMMES
 b. 22 Mar 1963,
 Little Falls, Mn.
 m. Mickey HOHIESEL.
 Div.
 ch: (a) Dusty HOHIESEL
 (stepson).
 (b) Jessie THOMMES
 b. 22 Apr 1985
 Little
 Falls, Mn.
- (2) Brian THOMMES b. 6 Mar
 1964, Little Falls, Mn.
 m. SINGLE
 ch: (a) Adam THOMMES
 b. 2 June
 1986, Little
 Falls, Mn.
 (Mother is
 Lois BLOCK.)
- (3) Wendy THOMMES b. 6 Sept
 1971, Little Falls, Mn.
 m. SINGLE

Margaret E. DUSCHNER

m. 2nd Raymond BOSER (13 Sept 1906-5 Oct
 1979) on 20 June 195?, Buckman, Mn.

ch: e. Margaret "Margie" BOSER b. 13
 Nov 1951, Little Falls, Mn.
 m. Arnold BENUSA (12 Mar 1948)
 on 1 June 1974, Lastrup, Mn.

ch: (1) Amy Margaret BENUSA
 b. 12 Apr 1976,
 Little Falls, Mn.

(2) Brent John BENUSA
 b. 22 Nov 1980,
 Little Falls, Ia.

(3) Todd Gregory BENUSA
 b. 26 Oct 1985,
 Little Falls, Mn.

f. Bernadette Freda BOSER b. 20 Nov
 1953, Little Falls, Mn.
 m. SINGLE

3. Alice Henrietta DUSCHNER b. 30 Mar 1914.
 d. 15 Mar 1916.
 bur. St. Mary's Cemetery, New Hampton,
 Ia.

Andrew DUSCHNER

m. 2nd Marie GRELL on 2 Oct 1917, Pierz, Mn.

D. Margaret DUSCHNER.

m. Roy THOMAS.

d.

bur.

ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

E. Elizabeth M. DUSCHNER b. circa 1885, Ia.
m. L.N. McCAUGHEY after 1908.
d.
bur.

ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

F. Joseph A. DUSCHNER b. circa 1887, Ia.
m.
d.
bur.

ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

G. Frederick C. DUSCHNER b. circa 1891, Ia.
m.
d.
bur.

ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

II. Barbara SELLNER b. 2 Feb 1861, Colony Twp.,
Delaware Co., Ia.
m. Andrew SIEGEL (17 Nov 1849 or 1851 to 20/21 Dec 1905)
on 25 Jan 1881, Dyersville, Ia.
d. 2 Nov 1925, Manchester, Ia.
bur. St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.
ch: A. Catherine M. SIEGEL b. 26 Feb 1883,
Petersburg, Ia.
m. Burle ST. JOHN (6 Dec 1881-9 Dec 1963)
in Nov 1908, Dyersville, Ia.
d. 5 Oct 1960, Waterloo, Ia.
bur. St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.
ch: none
B. Elizabeth B. SIEGEL b. 19 May 1885, Dyersville,
Ia.
m. Raymond McVAY (9 Jan 1890-May 1971) on
28 Jan 1913, Dyersville, Ia.
d. 4 Mar 1958, Worthington, Ia.
bur. Worthington, Ia.
ch: 1. Arthur John McVAY b. 29 Dec 1913,
Sand Springs, Ia.
d. 18 Sept 1975.
bur.
2. May Lucille McVAY b. 22 Jan 1915,
Worthington, Ia.
m. Lawrence SHANNEY (1 May 1907-28 Sept
1977) on 4 Oct 1944, Worthington, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Larry SHANNEY b. 6 Nov 1947,
Anamosa, Ia.
b. Mary SHANNEY b. 3 Aug 1955,
Anamosa, Ia.
3. Larayn McVAY b. 28 Jan 1916, Worthington,
Ia.
m. Lowell FULLER in 1936.

- d.
bur.
ch: a. Gene FULLER b. 29 Mar 1937.
b. Barbara FULLER b. May 1939.
c. Richard FULLER b. 19 Sept 1941.
d. Patricia FULLER b. 9 June 1949.
m. James KOWELISKA.
4. Reynold Andrew McVAY b. 17 Dec 1917,
Worthington, Ia.
d. 21 Jan 1921.
bur.
5. Joseph Richard McVAY b. 29 Mar 1919,
Worthington, Ia.
m. Marge FIPPS (20 Aug 1921) on 22 Sept
1944, Chula Vista, Ca.
d. 2 Feb 1980, Tabor City, N.C.
bur. Tabor City, N.C.
ch: a. Terry McVAY b. 4 June 1947,
Independence, Ia.
m. Pamela BURCHAM (5 Aug 1954)
on 10 Aug 1974.
6. Delrose Beryl McVAY b. 15 Apr 1922,
Worthington, Ia.
d. Oct 1922.
bur.
7. Helen Marie Mathilda McVAY
b. 4 Sept 1923, Worthington, Ia.
m. Leonard HOLUB (12 Mar 1921) on
21 July 1949, Prairieburg, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Patricia HOLUB b. 8 Feb 1950,
Anamosa, Ia.
m. Kenneth HESKET (14 Jan 1947)
on 13 June 1969, Anamosa, Ia.
ch: (1) Thomas Paul HESKET
b. 19 Nov 1971,
Monticello, Ia.
(2) Tammi Lynn HESKET
b. 1 Aug 1973,
Monticello, Ia.
b. James HOLUB b. 14 Aug 1951,
Anamosa, Ia.
m. Candace Kay EDWARDS (22 May
1959) on 7 May 1983.
ch: (1) Angela Marie HOLUB
b. 20 Feb 1984,
Cedar Rapids, Ia.
c. David Paul HOLUB b. 28 Feb 1954,
Monticello, Ia.
m. Marcia Ann SHOOP
(21 Jan 1956) on 6 Oct 1979,

Praireburg, Ia.
 ch: (1) Amy June HOLUB
 b. 14 Dec 1982,
 Monticello, Ia.
 d. Sue HOLUB b. 12 Nov 1957,
 Monticello, Ia.

8. Wilfred Edward McVAY b. 4 Aug 1929,
 Worthington, Ia.
 m. Betty MENSTER (4 Dec 1930)
 on 2 Oct 1954, Augusta, Ga.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Robert McVAY b. 14 July 1955,
 Monticello, Ia.
 b. Steven McVAY b. 27 Apr 1957,
 Monticello, Ia.
 c. James McVAY b. 12 July 1959,
 Monticello, Ia.

C. Andrew P. SIEGEL b. 22 Oct 1887, Dyersville, Ia.
 m. Margaret TIERSCHER (18 Apr 1885-25 Sept 1968)
 on 18 Feb 1914, Dyersville, Ia.
 d. 22 Mar 1965, Earlville, Ia.
 bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.
 ch: 1. Marcella SIEGEL b. 28 June 1915,
 Worthington, Ia.
 m. SINGLE
 d.
 bur.
 2. Clara SIEGEL b. 30 Oct 1916, Worthington,
 Ia.
 m. Joe CLAUS on 21 June 1955.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: none
 3. Emil SIEGEL b. 20 May 1918, Worthington,
 Ia.
 m. Marie VAN WAUS on 5 July 1949.
 d. 27 Sept 1978.
 bur.
 ch: a. John VAN WAUS.
 d. at age seven.
 4. Mildred SIEGEL b. 30 Dec 1919,
 Worthington, Ia.
 d. 17 Jan 1920.
 bur.
 5. Walter SIEGEL b. 26 June 1922,
 Dyersville, Ia.
 m. SINGLE
 d. 10 May 1990.
 bur.
 6. Earl SIEGEL b. 20 Nov 1925,
 Dyersville, Ia.

m. Dorothy **BEHNKE** on 21 Nov 1970.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: none

D. Anna Margaret **SIEGEL** b. 17 Apr 1890,
 Dyersville, Ia.
 m. George **LATTNER** (27 Dec 1882-30 Jan 1960)
 in June 1914, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 d. 8 May 1957, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 bur.
 ch: 1. Esther Mae **LATTNER** b. 6 Aug 1915,
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 m. Vernon **HENDRYX** (1 Mar 1916) on
 30 Aug 1939, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Karen Ann **HENDRYX** b. 15 Feb
 1942, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 m. James **DUNN** (16 Dec 1941) on
 29 Aug 1964. Div. 1982.
 ch: (1) Scott **DUNN** b. 18 June
 1965, Chicago, Ill.
 (2) Bradley **DUNN** b. 19
 Sept 1966, Chicago.
 (3) Christopher **DUNN**
 b. 30 Dec 1969,
 Des Moines, Ia.
 b. Richard John **HENDRYX** b. 18 June
 1944, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 m. Lynn **BURKART** (27 Aug 1945) on
 16 Apr 1966, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 ch: (1) Anne **BURKART**
 b. 14 Sept 1966,
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 (2) Bart **BURKART**
 b. 26 Aug 1971,
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.

2. Mary Louise **LATTNER** b. 20 Dec 1929,
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 m. Fred **ENZOR** (19 July 1930) on
 21 Nov 1959, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Christopher Grant **ENZOR**
 b. 20 Apr 1962, Des Moines, Ia.
 b. Lori Ann **ENZOR** b. 7 Oct 1963,
 Des Moines, Ia.
 c. Jeffrey Alan **ENZOR** b. 8 July
 1968, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

E. Mary Magdalena "Bud" **SIEGEL** b. 17 Sept 1892,
 Dyersville, Ia.
 m. John R. **GOOTEE** (25 Oct 1891-20 Feb 1967) on

31 May 1916.
d. 20 Dec 1986, Anamosa, Ia.
bur. St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.
ch: none

F. Anton SIEGEL b. 9 Feb 1894, Dyersville, Ia.
d. 26 Feb 1894.

G. Rose Mary SIEGEL b. 9 Jan 1897, Dyersville, Ia.
m. Leverett LILLIBRIDGE (30 Sept 1898-4 Nov 1980)
on 5 May 1924, Dyersville, Ia.
d. 28 Aug 1983, New Hampton, Ia.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, New Hampton, Ia.
ch: 1. Marjorie Ann LILLIBRIDGE b. 19 June 1925,
Manchester, Ia.
m.
d.
bur.
ch:
2. June Rose LILLIBRIDGE b. 15 Nov 1928,
Clarion, Ia.
m. Melvin H. KARNATZ (25 Mar 1923) on
14 June 1950, New Hampton, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Kathleen Kay KARNATZ b. 23 June
1951, New Hampton, Ia.
m. SINGLE
b. Kevin Alan KARNATZ b. 30 Oct
1953, New Hampton, Ia.
m. SINGLE
c. Paul Andrew KARNATZ b. 25 May
1955, New Hampton, Ia.
m. SINGLE
d. Scott William KARNATZ b. 16 Dec
1967, New Hampton, Ia.
m. SINGLE

3. Doris Mae LILLIBRIDGE b. 14 Feb 1930,
Clarion, Ia.
m. Lorenz G. HELFTER (6 July 1928) on
16 Feb 1952, New Hampton, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Lorenz Phillip HELFTER b. 17 Nov
1953, New Haven, Ia.
m. Celeste RISOM on
19 June 1987.
ch: (1) Matthew Lorenz HELFTER
b. 19 July, 1990,
Pueblo, Co.
b. Peter HELFTER b. 25 May 1955,
New Haven, Ia.
m. Loraine SICA on 14 Feb 1987.
c. David William HELFTER

b. 17 Mar 1959, Burlington, Ia.

4. William Leverett **LILLIBRIDGE** b. 29 Sept 1936, New Hampton, Ia.
 m.
 d.
 bur.
 ch:

H. Frances Barbara "Babe" **SIEGEL** b. 25 Aug 1899, Dyersville, Ia.
 m. Philip Clark **SOESBE** (6 June 1894-14 Dec 1970) on 20 Apr 1921, Dyersville, Ia.
 d. 5 Aug 1945, Clinton, Ia.
 bur. Clinton, Ia.
 ch: 1. James Andrew **SOESBE** b. 5 Oct 1922, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Elizabeth Jane **PAIGE** on 22 Jan 1944, Midland Air Base, Tx.
 d. 24 Sept 1944, killed in action in Holland.
 bur. Body not found.
 2. Robert John **SOESBE** b. 17 Jan 1926, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Ethel Mae **SAFFER** (10 Sept 1927) on 23 Aug 1947, Clinton, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Patricia Ann **SOESBE** b. 6 May 1948, Clinton, Ia.
 m. David A. **NICHOLS** (5 June 1946) on 8 Apr 1967, Clinton, Ia.
 ch: (1) Clara Cecilia **NICHOLS** b. 22 Sept 1969, Clinton, Ia.
 (2) John David **NICHOLS** b. 8 Dec 1974, Clinton, Ia.
 (3) Jennifer Patricia **NICHOLS** b. 5 Nov 1978, Clinton, Ia.
 b. Philip Clyde **SOESBE** b. 1 May 1949, Valley City, N.D.
 m. Sharon **PHEIFFER** (30 Aug 1950) on 14 Dec 1968, Clinton, Ia.
 ch: (1) Rebecca Ann **SOESBE** b. 20 June 1970, Clinton, Ia.
 m. Michael **LaPLACE** on 24 Aug 1991, Baton Rouge, La
 ch: (a) Katherine **LaPLACE** b. 3 Feb 1992.

- (b) Louis LaPLACE
b. 3 Feb 1992.
- (2) Joseph Allan SOESBE
b. 1 Sept 1971,
Clinton, Ia.
- c. Robert John SOESBE, Jr. b. 14
June 1951, Clinton, Ia.
m. 1st Kathryn PORTER on 3 June
1972. Div.
ch: (1) Rachel Vaughn SOESBE
b. 9 Mar 1974,
Clinton, Ia.
(2) Andrew Porter SOESBE
b. 6 July 1976,
Clinton, Ia.
Robert John SOESBE
m. 2nd Sheila HAGGE on 27 June
1981. Div.
ch: (3) Amanda Marie SOESBE
b. 5 Oct 1983.
Robert John SOESBE
m. 3rd Deborah SIKES
on 2 July 1988.
ch (4) Philip Richard SOESBE
b. 7 June 1990.
- d. David James SOESBE b. 25 Oct
1953, Iowa City, Ia.
m. Theresa WARD (9 Aug 1957) on
20 Oct 1978. Div. 1985.
ch: (1) Sarah Melissa SOESBE
b. 11 Jan 1978,
Iowa City, Ia.
(2) Brian Christopher
SOESBE b. 19 July
1981, Clinton, Ia.
- e. Thomas Michael SOESBE b. 29 Dec
1954, Clinton, Ia.
m. Catherine SIEGWARTH on
23 Apr 1988.
- f. Kathryn Anne SOESBE b. 14 Dec
1958, Clinton, Ia.
m. 1st Terry PUTNAM on 21 May
1976. Div.
ch: (1) Michael Jon PUTNAM b.
25 Oct 1976, Clinton.
Kathryn Anne SOESBE
m. 2nd Marvin MUSCH (22 Sept 1960)
on 24 Aug 1984, Clinton, Ia.
ch: (2) Matthew Allen MUSCH
b. 28 Jan 1985,
Clinton, Ia.
(3) April Rebecca MUSCH

- b. 1 Apr 1987,
Clinton, Ia.
 - (4) Robert Joseph **MUSCH**
b. 19 Oct 1989,
Clinton, Ia.
 - g. James Andrew **SOESBE** b. 4 June
1960, Clinton, Ia.
 - h. Steven Paul **SOESBE** b. 29 Oct
1961, Clinton, Ia.
 - i. Mary Clare **SOESBE** b. 21 Feb
1963, Clinton, Ia.
 - m. Christopher Ross **WEBB** (16 April
1964) on 15 Mar 1984, Clinton, Ia.
 - ch: (1) Philip Randall **WEBB**
b. 24 May 1986,
Honolulu, Hi.
- 3. John Philip **SOESBE** b. 17 Sept 1928,
Manchester, Ia.
- m. Mary Theresa **LAHEY** (13 Sept 1934)
on 16 July 1955, Clinton, Ia.
- d.
bur.
- ch: a. Rita Marie **SOESBE** b. 15 Jan 1956,
Des Moines, Ia.
- m. Randall **BAUGH** on 27 July 1974.
- ch: (1) Craig Michael **BAUGH** b.
17 Dec 1975, Clinton.
- (2) David Alan **BAUGH** b. 20
Mar 1977, Clinton, Ia.
- (3) Adam Charles **BAUGH**
b. 27 Aug 1981,
Davenport, Ia.
- b. Julia Ann **SOESBE** b. 15 Mar 1957,
Clinton, Ia.
- c. Daniel James **SOESBE** b. 4 June
1958, Clinton, Ia.
- m. Patricia **FLYNN** on 21 Dec
1985.
- ch: (1) Rebecca Marie **SOESBE**
b. 22 July 1988,
Chicago, Ill.
- d. Jacqueline Kay **SOESBE** b. 3 Apr
1961, Clinton, Ia.
- m. Thomas **KONLEY** on 14 Sept
1991.
- e. Paula Darlene **SOESBE** b. 10 June
1964, Clinton, Ia.
- f. Douglas John **SOESBE** b. 18 Oct
1965, Clinton, Ia.
- g. Patrick Michael **SOESBE** b. 23 Feb
1968, Clinton, Ia.
- h. Gregory Philip **SOESBE** b. 27 Aug

- 1971, Clinton, Ia.
- i. Mary Christine SOESBE b. 19 Sept 1973, Clinton, Ia.
4. Mary Joan SOESBE b. 1 Nov 1931, Clinton, Ia.
- m. Francis Paul DALY (10 July 1921) on 5 June 1954, Clinton, Ia.
- d.
bur.
- ch: a. Barbara Frances DALY b. 14 May 1955, Burlington, Ia.
- b. Francis Patrick DALY b. 18 June 1956, Burlington, Ia.
- m. Gayle BOYLES on 8 Jan 1977.
- ch: (1) Ryan Patrick DALY
b. 9 Feb 1983,
Burlington, Ia.
- (2) Molly Jean DALY
b. 14 May 1985,
Burlington, Ia.
- (3) Nicholas James DALY
b. 20 Feb 1987,
Burlington, Ia.
- c. Michael John DALY b. 23 July 1957, Burlington, Ia.
- d. 24 July 1957.
bur.
- d. Marianne Elizabeth DALY b. 27 Aug 1958, Burlington, Ia.
- m. Mark STRATTON on 27 Sept 1986.
- e. Robert James DALY b. 5 Mar 1960.
- f. Margaret Ellen DALY b. 9 Nov 1961, Burlington, Ia.
- m. Steven Joseph SWANNER on 14 July 1984.
- ch: (1) Jeffery Steven SWANNER
b. 14 Mar 1989,
Burlington, Ia.
- g. Andrew Philip DALY b. 29 Nov 1964, Burlington, Ia.
- h. Sara Ann DALY b. 9 Feb 1968, Burlington, Ia.
- i. Matthew Joseph DALY b. 3 June 1969, Burlington, Ia.
5. William Arthur SOESBE b. 6 June 1942, Clinton, Ia.
- m. Diane Frances SULLIVAN (13 May 1944) on 16 Oct 1965, Clinton, Ia.
- d.
bur.
- ch: a. Nathan William SOESBE b. 12

Apr 1967, Clinton, Ia.
m. Kelly Renee GREEN on
17 Oct 1987.

ch: (1) Trey Nathan SOESBE
b. 14 May 1988,
Silvis, Ill.

(2) Beau Nolan SOESBE
b. 21 May 1989,
Silvis, Ill.

b. Jennifer Anne SOESBE b. 23 Oct
1968, Clinton, Ia.

ch: (1) Lanie Elizabeth KRUSE
b. 4 Mar 1991,
Clinton, Ia.

c. Melinda Jeanne SOESBE b. 13 Nov
1970, Clinton, Ia.

d. Leah Marie SOESBE b. 27 Dec
1975.

e. Frank Jay SOESBE b. 4 Oct 1981.

III. Margaret SELLNER b. circa 1864, Colony Twp.,
Delaware Co., Ia.

m. William Patrick "Pat" RALIHAN (circa 1858-?) circa
1886-1889. (Patrick's surname may have been spelled
RELIHAN/RELLIHAN.)

d.

bur.

ch: A. Barbara M. RALIHAN 30 May 1890, Dyersville, Ia.
m. Theodore WILLOUGHBY.

d. 3 Sept 1980.

bur.

ch: 1. Norma WILLOUGHBY b. circa 1926.
m. Charles FORD.

d.

bur.

ch: a.

b.

c.

d.

2. daughter WILLOUGHBY DATA UNAVAILABLE

3. son WILLOUGHBY DATA UNAVAILABLE

4. son WILLOUGHBY DATA UNAVAILABLE

5. son WILLOUGHBY DATA UNAVAILABLE

B. Mary E. RALIHAN b. 14 Jan 1893, Sherman, Tx.
m. Ernest REEVES.

d. 11 Mar 1938.

bur.

ch: eight children, all unknown.

C. Joseph P. RALIHAN b. circa June 1894, Sherman Tx.
m. Ella JORDAN.

d.

bur.

ch: three daughters, one grandchild, all unknown.

- D. William **RALIHAN** b. circa Jan 1898, Fort Worth, Tx.
d. circa 1912, age 15, Azle, Tx.
- E. Annya F. "Kitty" **RALIHAN**, b. 3 Dec 1900.
m. Holley **SHAW** on 7 Jan 1925.
d.
bur.
ch: one child, one grandchild, all unknown.
- F. Mabel **RALIHAN** b. 26 Sept 1905, Azle, Tx.
d. 17 Jan 1918.
- G. Adella **RALIHAN** b. 15 Dec 1908, Azle, Tx.
m. H.B. **THOMPSON**.
d. 6 Mar 1930.
bur.
ch: one child, three grandchildren, all unknown.
- IV. Joseph **SELLNER** b. 2 Mar 1867, Bremen Twp.,
Delaware Co., Ia.
m. Elizabeth Kathryn **SCHILTZ** (17 May 1872-24 Dec 1956)
on 15 Feb 1898, Dubuque, Ia.
d. 14 Oct 1952, Earlville, Ia.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.
ch: A. Mary Elizabeth "Mayme" **SELLNER** b. 16 Dec 1898,
Earlville, Ia.
m. John Ralph **KROGMANN** (24 Oct 1891-16 Mar 1975)
on 4 Feb 1919, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: none
- B. Andrew Peter **SELLNER** b. 22 Jan 1902,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Dorothy G. **KELCHEN** (21 Mar 1906-27 June 1986)
on 27 Jan 1926, Worthington, Ia.
d. 10 July 1980, Earlville, Ia.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.
ch: 1. Germaine Gertrude **SELLNER** b. 21 Nov 1926,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Gilbert Vernon **GOEDKEN** (11 Dec 1924)
on 14 Sept 1948, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. By adoption Dennis A. **GOEDKEN**
b. 15 Sept 1954, Dubuque, Ia.
b. By adoption Sheryl L. **GOEDKEN**
b. 21 Feb 1959, Dubuque, Ia.
c. By adoption Lori A. **GOEDKEN**
b. 15 May 1963,
Cedar Rapids, Ia.
m. Steve **JOOS** (19 July 1963)
on 30 Apr 1988, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Nichole Rene **JOOS**
b. 21 Sept 1988,
Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Austin Gilbert **JOOS**

- b. 25 July 1990,
Dubuque, Ia.
 - d. By adoption David D. **GOEDKEN**
b. 15 Feb 1964, Florida.
 - e. By adoption Annette M. **GOEDKEN**
b. 30 Mar 1967,
Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 - 2. Mildred Elizabeth **SELLNER** b. 26 Nov 1927,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Raymond Leander **GEISTKEMPER** (5 Jan
1925) on 4 June 1946, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Patricia Ann **GEISTKEMPER**
b. 19 Oct 1946, Manchester, Ia.
m. James J. **BONERT** (25 Feb 1946)
on 1 June 1968, Petersburg, Ia.
ch: (1) Michelle M. **BONERT** b.
17 May 1969, Dubuque.
(2) Brian J. **BONERT** b.
24 Mar 1971, Dubuque.
(3) Daniel P. **BONERT** b.
18 Nov 1974, Dubuque.
(4) Timothy J. **BONERT** b.
13 June 1980, Dubuque.
 - b. Lois Marie **GEISTKEMPER** b. 16
Sept 1950, Manchester, Ia.
m. Steven **MESCHER** (8 Apr 1949)
on 23 June 1970, Petersburg, Ia.
ch: (1) Rhonda K. **MESCHER** b.
5 June 1971, Dubuque.
(2) Renee Marie **MESCHER** b.
12 Feb 1973, Dubuque.
(3) Scott Steven **MESCHER**
b. 5 Jan 1975,
Dubuque, Ia.
(4) Jayme John **MESCHER** b.
13 Nov 1978, Dubuque.
 - c. Mary Lou **GEISTKEMPER** b. 23 June
1953, Manchester, Ia.
m. Harold E. **WHITE** (9 May 1948)
on 30 Aug 1975, Petersburg, Ia.
ch: (1) Jason E. **WHITE** b. 19
Sept 1976, Dubuque,
Ia.
(2) Jennifer L. **WHITE** b.
30 Apr 1979, Dubuque.
(3) Wendy **WHITE** b. 2 Apr
1982, Dubuque, Ia.
(4) Laura A. **WHITE** b. 22
July 1985, Dubuque.
(5) Matthew R. **WHITE** b. 19

July 1988, Dubuque.

- d. Randy Joseph **GEISTKEMPER**
b. 8 Sept 1956, Manchester, Ia.
m. Meg **FAGAN** (31 July 1955)
on 4 June 1977, Bankston, Ia.
ch: (1) Jeffrey John
GEISTKEMPER b. 20 Dec
1979, Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Jill Marie **GEISTKEMPER**
b. 7 May 1982,
Dyersville, Ia.
(3) Gregory Joseph
GEISTKEMPER b. 9 Apr
1986, Dubuque, Ia.
- e. Duane John **GEISTKEMPTER**
b. 11 Aug 1959, Manchester, Ia.
d. 16 Jan 1969, Iowa City, Ia.
bur.
- f. Mark Allen **GEISTKEMPER** b. 13
Sept 1961, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Lori J. **LAKEMAN** (22 Sept
1960) on 17 Oct 1981,
Dyersville, Ia.
ch: (1) Elizabeth **GEISTKEMPER**
b. 5 Feb 1986,
Dyersville, Ia.
(2) Tony **GEISTKEMPER**
b. 27 Apr 1988,
Dyersville, Ia.
(3) Tricia **GEISTKEMPER**
b. 27 Apr 1988,
Dyersville, Ia.
- 3. Delores Marie **SELLNER** b. 3 Sept 1929,
Earlville, Ia.
m. James Raphael **BURKLE** (4 Jan 1924) on
17 Jan 1950, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Karen Ann **BURKLE** b. 29 Mar 1951,
Manchester, Ia.
m. Jerome **FREIBURGER**
on Nov 1973, Earlville.
ch: (1) Stephanie **FREIBURGER**
b. 14 Mar 1975,
Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Jeremy **FREIBURGER** b.
26 Mar 1979, Dubuque.
(3) Jaclyn **FREIBURGER** b.
25 Aug 1980, Dubuque.
(4) Garrett **FREIBURGER** b.
23 Sept 1986, Dubuque.
- b. Wayne Andrew **BURKLE** b. 9 Oct

- 1953, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Marcia Lynn **DOMEYER** (23 July 1954) on 30 Nov 1974, Greeley, Ia.
 ch: (1) Brian John **BURKLE**
 b. 13 Oct 1976,
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 (2) Melinda Marie **BURKLE**
 b. 9 June 1978,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (3) Krista Lee **BURKLE**
 b. 17 July 1979,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (4) Nicholas Adam **BURKLE**
 b. 13 Apr 1981,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (5) Kirk Daniel **BURKLE**
 b. 13 Apr 1988,
 Manchester, Ia.
- c. Loras John **BURKLE** b. 13 Oct 1956, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Div.
 ch: (1) Austin John **BURKLE**
 b. 19 Jan 1986,
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
- d. Connie Sue **BURKLE** b. 27 July 1959, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Daniel Wallace **WHEELER** (27 Sept 1957) on 12 Sept 1981.
 ch: (1) Ryan D. **WHEELER**
 b. 1 July 1984,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 (2) Kyle T. **WHEELER** b.
 12 Aug 1987, Dubuque.
 (3) Ty M. **WHEELER** b. 14
 Apr 1989, Dubuque, Ia.
- e. Marsha Ann **BURKLE** b. 8 Nov 1963, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Lyle **HELLE** (15 June 1960) on 5 Oct 1985, Earlville, Ia.
 ch: (1) Mekell **HELLE**
 b. 15 June 1988,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Drew **HELLE** b. 7 Feb 1991, Manchester, Ia.
4. Irvin Leo **SELLNER** b. 28 Sept 1932, Earlville, Ia.
 m. Madonna Amelia **GOEDKEN** (10 Aug 1936) on 6 Aug 1956, Dyersville, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Cindy Ann **SELLNER** b. 17 June

- 1957, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Mark A. **MENSEN** (6 Aug 1957)
 on 20 Aug 1977, Earlville, Ia.
 ch: (1) Andy William **MENSEN**
 b. 28 June 1978,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Jamie Allen **MENSEN**
 b. 2 July 1980,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (3) Lindsay Ann **MENSEN**
 b. 17 Oct 1982,
 Manchester, Ia.
- b. Debra Sue **SELLNER** b. 10 Aug
 1958, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Ronald J. **MENSEN** (2 Apr 1958)
 on 28 July 1978, Earlville, Ia.
 ch: (1) Timothy Allen **MENSEN**
 b. 13 Jan 1979,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Kristi Marie **MENSEN**
 b. 29 June 1983,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (3) Ashley Nicole **MENSEN**
 b. 18 Jan 1991,
 Manchester, Ia.
- c. Vicki Lee **SELLNER**
 b. 21 Sept 1961, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Terry Joseph **MEYER** (27 June)
 on 16 Apr 1988, Dyersville, Ia.
 ch: (1) Daniel James **MEYER**
 b. 27 Feb 1989,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Michael John **MEYER**
 b. 10 Dec 1990,
 Manchester, Ia.
- d. Gary Andrew **SELLNER** b. 22 Mar
 1964, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Karelene **RIES** (16 Jan 1965)
 on 2 May 1987, Dyersville, Ia.
 ch: (1) Alex Andrew **SELLNER**
 b. 31 Oct 1989,
 Manchester, Ia.
- e. Larry Ray **SELLNER** b. 16 Aug
 1965, Manchester, Ia.
5. Donald John **SELLNER** b. 5 May 1935,
 Earlville, Ia.
 m. Carol Ann **GIBBS** (29 Sept 1936) on
 1 Sept 1955, Earlville, Ia. Div. 1983.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Terry Michael **SELLNER** b. 31 July
 1956, Manchester, Ia.

- m. Karen Ann OBERBROECKLING
(27 Sept 1958) on 6 Jan 1978,
New Vienna, Ia. Div. 1988.
- ch: (1) Joseph Adam SELLNER
b. 30 Apr 1978,
Dubuque, Ia.
- (2) Jude Michael SELLNER
b. 11 Nov 1982,
Iowa City, Ia.
- (3) Jayci Renee SELLNER
b. 10 Aug 1984,
Iowa City, Ia.
- b. Tim Andrew SELLNER b. 9 Aug
1957, Manchester, Ia.
m. SINGLE
- c. Thomas John SELLNER b. 22 Nov
1958, Manchester, Ia.
m. Pamela Jean BACON (17 Feb
1958) on 19 May 1979,
Buck Creek, Ia.
- ch: (1) Seth Thomas SELLNER
b. 31 July 1982,
Manchester, Ia.
- d. Tamara Sue SELLNER b. 7 Dec
1959, Manchester, Ia.
m. Robert William HALFHILL
(8 July 1948) on 29 Aug 1981,
Delhi, Ia.
- ch: (1) Lea HALFHILL b. 20 Jan
1971, Manchester, Ia.
(Robert's child)
- (2) Jason Robert HALFHILL
b. 28 Feb 1974,
Manchester, Ia.
(Robert's child)
- (3) Bobbi Anne HALFHILL
b. 2 Nov 1990,
Dyersville, Ia.
- e. Tracy Lynn SELLNER b. 26 Dec
1960 Manchester, Ia.
m. Edward James NEWMAN (5 Mar
1961) on 24 Aug 1979, Delhi, Ia.
Div. 1990.
- ch: (1) Amanda Sue NEWMAN
b. 22 July 1979,
Manchester, Ia.
- (2) Alecia Kay NEWMAN
b. 27 Aug 1980,
Manchester, Ia.
- (3) Austin Edward NEWMAN
b. 2 Oct 1981,
Iowa City, Ia.

- (4) Dallas Edward **NEWMAN**
b. 30 Apr 1985,
Dyersville, Ia.
- f. Tana Christine **SELLNER** b. 15 Mar 1962, Manchester, Ia.
m. Grant Donald **GUETZKO** (24 Jan 1961) on 14 May 1982,
Earlville, Ia.
ch: none
- g. Trudy Ann **SELLNER**
b. 21 May 1963, Manchester, Ia.
m. James Edward **CARMICHEAL**, Jr.
(16 Mar 1958) on 5 May 1984,
Bettendorf, Ia.
ch: (1) James Edward
CARMICHEAL, III b. 20
Oct 1985, Malvern, Ia.
(2) John Thomas **CARMICHEAL**
b. 11 Apr 1987,
Malvern, Ia.
(3) Joseph Joshua
CARMICHEAL
b. 16 June 1989,
Marshalltown, Ia.
- h. Tina Marie **SELLNER** b. 18 Mar 1966, Manchester, Ia.
m. Duane Allen **ELGIN** (30 June 1963) in June 1986, Delhi, Ia.
ch: none
- i. Tricia Lee **SELLNER** b. 16 Apr 1968, Manchester, Ia.
m. Alan James **CONNOLLY** (24 May 1963) on 16 June 1990,
Dyersville, Ia.
ch: none
- 6. John Andrew **SELLNER** b. 27 Mar 1938,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Anna Mae **LANDSTEINER** (6 Feb 1940) on
30 May 1961.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Daniel John **SELLNER** b. 29 Apr
1962, Minneapolis, Mn.
m. Sarah Frances **WOOD** (22 Aug 1966) on 21 Nov 1988.
ch: (1) Renée Elizabeth **SELLNER**
b. 12 June 1987,
Charleston, S.C.
(2) Dana Christine **SELLNER**
b. 12 June 1987,
Charleston, S.C.
(3) Andrew James **SELLNER**

- b. 24 May 1989,
St. Paul, Mn.
 - b. Charles Andrew **SELLNER** b. 31 Oct 1963, Minneapolis, Mn.
 - c. Kathryn Ann **SELLNER** b. 22 Dec 1964, Minneapolis, Mn.
m. Terry Vincent **THIELE** on
22 September 1990.
 - d. Laura Jean **SELLNER** b. 23 Feb 1967,
Minneapolis, Mn.
 - e. Carolyn Jo **SELLNER** b. 31 Oct 1968,
Minneapolis, Mn.
 - f. Joanne Lea **SELLNER** b. 21 May 1970,
Fridley, Mn.
 - g. Liane Marie **SELLNER** b. 21 May
1970, Fridley, Mn.
 - h. Jonathan Conrad **SELLNER** b. 20 July
1972, Fridley, Mn.
d. 24 Dec 1989.
 - i. Erin Estella **SELLNER** b. 25 Aug
1976, Fridley, Mn.
 - j. Kristin Rose **SELLNER** b. 22 Mar
1979, Fridley, Mn.
- 7. James Alvin **SELLNER** b. 27 Nov 1941,
Manchester, Ia.
m. Carlyn Ann **MANTERNACH** (18 Feb 1945)
on 3 Sept 1966, Cascade, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch:
 - a. Janita Marie **SELLNER** b. 10
June 1967, Manchester, Ia.
d. 25 Nov 1990.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery,
Earlville, Ia.
 - b. Angela Ann **SELLNER** b. 12 June
1970, Manchester, Ia.
 - c. Christian James **SELLNER**
b. 14 May 1972, Manchester, Ia.
 - d. Kurt Andrew **SELLNER** b. 23 Mar
1974, Manchester, Ia.
 - e. Corey Matthew **SELLNER** b. 30 May
1975, Manchester, Ia.
 - f. Scott Joseph **SELLNER** b. 16 Aug
1976, Manchester, Ia.
 - g. Amy Lynn **SELLNER** b. 1 Aug 1981,
Manchester, Ia.
- 8. Carol Ann **SELLNER** b. 20 Oct 1944,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Merlin **KRAPFL** (2 Sept 1940) on 28 Aug
1965, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.

ch: a. Kimberly **KRAPFL** b. 13 Sept 1967, Ryan, Ia.
b. Karen **KRAPFL** b. 3 Apr 1971, Ryan, Ia.
c. Kathy **KRAPFL** b. 2 Aug 1972, Ryan, Ia.
d. Karla **KRAPFL** b. 5 Sept 1975, Ryan, Ia.

9. David J. **SELLNER** b. 4 Oct 1947, Dyersville, Ia.
m. Carol **WOLTER** (8 Apr 1947) on 26 Oct 1968.
d.
bur.

ch: a. Kenneth J. **SELLNER** b. 23 May 1969, Manchester, Ia.
b. Ronald J. **SELLNER** b. 25 Nov 1970, Manchester, Ia.

C. Leo Peter **SELLNER** b. 23 Apr 1906, Earlville, Ia.
m. 1st Agnes C. **ROLING** (31 May 1909-14 Feb 1950).
d. 5 Mar 1974, Manchester, Ia.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.

ch: 1. Lillian Frances **SELLNER** b. 3 Oct 1930, Earlville, Ia.
m. Lawrence P. **DIESBURG** (12 Sept 1925) on 22 June 1954, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.

ch: a. Morris Leo **DIESBURG** b. 18 Nov 1954, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Dolores Mary **KASS** (14 Mar 1956) on 10 Oct 1981.
ch: none

b. Joyce Ann **DIESBURG** b. 19 Mar 1957, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Daniel **WILLENBORG** (3 Mar 1953) on 4 Oct 1975.
ch: (1) Joanie **WILLENBORG** b. 24 May 1977, Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Jamie **WILLENBORG** b. 20 Aug 1981, Dubuque, Ia.

c. Steve Gerald **DIESBURG** b. 24 Apr 1959, Dubuque, Ia.
m. SINGLE

d. Ron Edward **DIESBURG** b. 19 Apr 1962, Dubuque, Ia. (twin)
m. Elaine M. **HAM** (5 Dec 1962) on 30 June 1984, Manchester, Ia.
ch: (1) Erin Elaine **DIESBURG** b. 7 June 1987,

- Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Danielle Renee
 DIESBURG b. 10 Dec
 1991, Manchester, Ia.
- e. Don John DIESBURG b. 19 Apr
 1962, Dubuque, Ia. (twin)
 m. SINGLE
- f. Marica Lynn DIESBURG b. 21 Dec
 1972, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. SINGLE
2. Joseph Theodore SELLNER b. 11 Dec 1931,
 Earlville, Ia.
 m. Ruth Joan DEUTMEYER (10 Mar 1931)
 on 14 Oct 1953, Petersburg, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Dianne Mary Jo SELLNER b. 24
 June 1954, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Mark Charles BOCKENSTEDT
 (5 Sept 1947) on 8 Nov 1975,
 Earlville, Ia.
 ch: (1) Charles David
 BOCKENSTEDT b. 25
 Mar 1977, Dubuque, Ia.
 (2) Becky Marie
 BOCKENSTEDT b. 3 Apr
 1979, Dubuque, Ia.
- b. Mark Joseph SELLNER b. 21 Mar
 1956, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. SINGLE
- c. Linda Sue SELLNER b. 28 Oct
 1957, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Robert Joseph DIGMAN (21 Oct
 1955) on 5 Nov 1977, Earlville.
 ch: (1) Molly Marie DIGMAN
 b. 1 Jan 1983,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Jayme Lee DIGMAN
 b. 6 Nov 1986,
 Iowa City, Ia.
- d. Sharon Rose SELLNER b. 30 Oct
 1959, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Ronald J. OBERBROECKLING
 (29 Mar 1956) on 19 Apr 1980,
 Earlville, Ia.
 ch: (1) Travis John
 OBERBROECKLING
 b. 3 Jan 1982,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Adam Joseph
 OBERBROECKLING
 b. 1 July 1983,

- Manchester, Ia.
(3) Kari Ann
OBERBROECKLING
b. 8 June 1989,
Manchester, Ia.
- e. Patrick Allan SELLNER b. 29
July 1962, Manchester, Ia.
m. Julie PUETZ on 11 Sept
1986, Earlville, Ia. Div.
ch: (1) Ashley Ann SELLNER
b. 20 May 1986,
Dyersville, Ia.
- f. Carl Joseph SELLNER b. 10 Jan
1973, Manchester, Ia.
m. SINGLE
3. Edward A. SELLNER b. 16 June 1933,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Vivian Louise NEWMAN (1936)
on 23 Aug 1958 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Debra Elizabeth SELLNER b. 18
Feb 1966, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
m. Michael G. FOX
on 23 Sept 1989.
ch: (1) Chelsea Elizabeth FOX
b. 24 Sept 1990,
Cedar Rapids, Ia.
b. Michelle Ann SELLNER
b. 20 Nov 1968, Cedar Rapids.
c. Thomas Edward SELLNER b. 20 Oct
1970, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
4. Jeanette Marie SELLNER b. 28 May 1936,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Alfred Henry MESCHER (2 July 1928)
on 20 Apr 1955, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Shirley Ann MESCHER b. 4 Feb
1956, Dubuque, Ia.
m. SINGLE
b. Karen Kay MESCHER b. 1 May 1957,
Dubuque, Ia.
m. Div.
c. Ann Marie MESCHER b. 12 Jan
1959, Dubuque, Ia.
m. SINGLE
d. Barbara Jane MESCHER b. 6 Dec
1963, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Martin Frederick LYSTER
(15 Sept 1963) on 8 Sept 1989.
ch: (1) Logan Frederick LYSTER

- b. 9 Jan 1991,
Columbus, Ga.
5. Lester John **SELLNER** b. 10 Dec 1939,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Ruth A. **LUX** on 30 Apr 1966,
Cascade, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
6. Doris Jane **SELLNER** b. 14 Feb 1941,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Sylvarious Henry **WUCHTER** (15 Oct
1932) on 11 Feb 1961, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Gerald Henry **WUCHTER** b. 23
July 1961. Manchester, Ia.
b. Daniel Henry **WUCHTER** b. 10 Nov
1962, Dubuque, Ia.
c. Janet Marie **WUCHTER** b. 25 Nov
1963, Dubuque, Ia.
m. David **BOYLES** (9 Aug 1957)
on 3 Sept 1988, Hopkinton, Ia.
ch: (1) Lindsey Autum
b. 17 June 1990,
Cedar Rapids, Ia.
d. Dennis Henry **WUCHTER** b. 27 Aug
1965, Dubuque, Ia.
e. Jane Marie **WUCHTER** b. 1 Apr
1967, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Marvin Clarence **PASKER** (16
June 1960) on 18 Oct 1985,
Dyersville, Ia.
ch: (1) Jennifer Janet **PASKER**
b. 17 July 1986,
Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Stephanie Lois **PASKER**
b. 30 Dec 1990,
Dubuque, Ia.
f. Sandra Marie **WUCHTER** b. 14 Nov
1968, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Michael Joseph **WUCHTER**
b. 17 Oct 1989,
Dubuque, Ia.
g. Gary Henry **WUCHTER** b. 10 Feb
1970, Dyersville, Ia.
h. Jo Ann Marie **WUCHTER** b. 10 Sept
1974, Dyersville, Ia.
7. Madonna Elizabeth **SELLNER** b. 26 Apr 1943,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Joseph Otto **FISCHER**, Jr. (2 July 1936)
on 1 Aug 1964, Earlville, Ia.

d.
bur.
ch: a. Nancy S. **FISCHER** b. 22 May 1965,
Dubuque, Ia.
m. Don **DESOTEL** on 27 June 1987,
Manchester, Ia.
ch: (1) Tiffany Nicole **DESOTEL**
b. 2 Mar 1990,
Dubuque, Ia.
b. Joseph A. **FISCHER**, III b. 26 Aug
1966, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Denise **WILHELM** (22 May 1969)
on 12 Oct 1991, Dyersville, Ia.
c. Dawn A. **FISCHER** b. 23 May 1968,
Manchester, Ia.
d. Tanya L. **FISCHER** b. 12 June
1970, Manchester, Ia.
e. Kory L. **FISCHER** b. 5 June 1973,
Manchester, Ia.
f. Chad M. **FISCHER** b. 24 Jan 1976,
Manchester, Ia.

8. Lorraine Helen **SELLNER** b. 7 Mar 1946,
Earlville, Ia.
d. 16 June 1947.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.
9. Robert Dean **SELLNER** b. 8 Feb 1950,
Earlville, Ia.
d. 3 Jan 1971.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.

Leo P. **SELLNER**

m. 2nd Viola **ROLING** (d. 18 Sept 1971). Viola a
sister of Agnes **ROLING**.

ch: none

V. Fredrick **SELLNER** b. circa 1871-1875, Bremen Twp.,
Delaware Co., Ia.
m. Katherine **MACK** (b. circa 1881-?) in Mar 1901, Delaware
Co., Ia.
d. ?
bur. ?
ch: A. Selma **SELLNER**
m. **WRIGHT**
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

*Joseph and Anna (Weinzetl) Schaller
and
Their Children*

*Martin Schaller
Elizabeth Stattelman
Joseph Henry Schaller
George Schaller
John (Jack) Schaller
Edward Anthony Schaller
Mary Anna Hooper*

Joseph SCHALLER
Son of George SCHALLER and Maria SANDHÖFNER
Husband of Anna WEINZETL

Joseph Schaller was the fifth known child of George Schaller and his wife Maria Sandhöfner. He was born 8 May 1839 in Schilligkau, Bohemia, according to archive records from Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. He was destined to become the father of seven children, and he became the progenitor of many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and great-great-great grandchildren.

The passing of time has wrapped Joseph in a cloak of unknowns. His somewhat early death in 1897 kept him in the nineteenth century, far removed from the probing eyes of his descendants. Almost everything learned about him had to be reconstructed, piece by tiny piece, with documented information, census records, an account book, and a few scraps of oral history. This dearth of facts made it difficult to write his life's story, but not impossible.

The first evidence concerning Joseph's parentage was found in his 5 September 1881* marriage record in Kossuth County, Iowa. His father's name was given as George Schaller. The handwriting of the clerk made it difficult to read the maiden name of his mother; it appeared to be Maria "Sandliefener." Later, documents were found that clearly showed his mother's name was Maria SANDHÖFNER.

Nothing about Joseph's life in Schilligkau is known with certainty, but understanding the time period and conditions of life for a peasant family in Bohemia helps to construct a probable scenario. The years before school life began were probably the most carefree of Joseph's entire life, his only real challenge being that of simply surviving childhood. He did attend school, and the reason for believing this is because of his ability to write. Joseph left an account book that exhibited more than adequate math and writing skills. When not in school, he surely helped the family farm some rented land, cut wood, care for the livestock, and tend a garden. He may have been hired to work for people of the community when he was old enough. He attended church in the little village of Berg, the same place he was baptized, received his First Communion, and was confirmed.

Curiously, Joseph stayed in Schilligkau until he was almost thirty years old. What was his occupation? Other than a few professions mentioned in the era of 1945 such as egg and butter merchant, bricklayer, tailor, tobacco merchant, carpenter, and cabinetmaker, most people in Schilligkau were farmers.²⁷ Since his ancestors were described in documents as hauslers (landless laborers or cottagers), perhaps Joseph had no choice but to follow in the steps of his ancestors. It is very doubtful he owned land because there was almost no way for a peasant to acquire land other than by inheritance. His brother, Johann, was the oldest son. Since Johann stayed in Schilligkau, he probably inherited any land, house, or business.

Did Joseph serve in the military? It is possible that he did, but no definitive proof exists to support this supposition. The Austrian Empire was involved in the War of Italian Liberation in 1859 and the Austro-Prussian War in 1866. The pivotal battle (Battle of Königgrätz) in the latter war took place at a village in north Bohemia called Sadowa.²⁸ Both wars increased Prussia's power in Europe and decreased Austria's. Was Joseph one of the 540,000 men mobilized? He was twenty years and twenty-seven years old, respectively, at the time of these wars, so there is a possibility he was conscripted. Although not the primary reason for bringing young men to America, the fear of military obligation was sometimes the impetus for men to leave Europe during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Could this have been a factor in Joseph's decision to come to America?

What was Joseph's primary motivation in coming to America? Was it the same reason that brought the majority of European immigrants: a desire for a better life, for the opportunity to get ahead? Life for a Bohemian peasant was difficult. In the mid-eighteen hundreds there were several years of crop failure in the area of Schilligkau which worsened already poor living conditions. Perhaps this was the final straw for the Schaller siblings, and they decided their only hope was to go to America. No specifics are known about Joseph's decision to emigrate or his journey to America. One sister, Mary Sellner, was already in Iowa by 1860 and was established in Delaware County. She was the first of the Schaller family to cast her lot in the New World. So Joseph, nine years her junior, had an established link when he decided to make the journey.

Joseph Schaller in America

When did Joseph Schaller arrive in America? Evidence points to the year 1870, but it could have been as early as 1868. Since no passport papers exist for Joseph, his year of immigration to America had to be determined from secondary sources. In order to explain the author's determination of that date, a word is needed concerning census records and their role in helping to establish that date. Census records (they began in 1790 and continue to this day) makes it possible to follow a family in intervals of five to ten years if both federal and state returns are used. Besides revealing a family's migratory pattern, census records show names of persons in the household, birth years, relationships, ages, places of birth, parents' places of birth, occupations, even number of years a couple has been married. The 1900 and 1910 Federal census forms added a valuable new piece of data: the year of immigration of those of foreign birth. This information was critical in helping to determine when Joseph Schaller came to America. Since he was dead by 1900, his year of arrival was not, of course, given. But his sisters' years of arrival were given, and therefore, were a clue to his year of arrival. The time period of 1868 to 1870 for Joseph's year of arrival was determined by

utilizing clues from several sources. Firstly, Joseph declared his intent to become a citizen on 23 August 1871.* An immigrant had to reside in America at least one year before making this application, which puts Joseph in America for sure by August of 1870. Secondly, Joseph and his sister, Elizabeth Schaller, were found living next door to their sister, Mary Sellner, in Bremen Township, Delaware County, Iowa, on 15 July 1870. Thirdly, Joseph's death certificate from 1897 stated he was a resident of the state of Iowa for twenty-seven years, which puts him in Iowa in 1870. Sisters Mary Sellner, Barbara Fehlhauer, and Anna Garrett were here by 1868 according to the 1900 census records. If Joseph came with any of them, he also was here by 1868. However, if his death certificate is accurate, he arrived in 1870. In conclusion, evidence points to the year 1870 as Joseph's years of immigration, but it could have been one or two years before that.

Joseph's Move to West Bend

Joseph's sister, Barbara Fehlhauer, was living near West Bend, Iowa, with her family in 1870. Surely Barbara's presence at West Bend was the catalyst that made Joseph decide to leave the Earlville vicinity and move to Kossuth County, Iowa. Homestead land in eastern Iowa was taken, but there was still plenty of land to the west. Joseph must have felt it was to his financial benefit to move to Kossuth County. Did he go directly to Garfield Township in Kossuth County, or did he, perhaps, spend a year or two near Fort Dodge? Evidence seems to point to the possibility of his going first to Fort Dodge. On 23 August 1871 Joseph declared intent to become a citizen of the United States in Webster County at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Perhaps he and his sister, Elizabeth, lived there briefly and that was where she met Martin Bonstetter, her future husband. Martin's biography²⁹ stated that he worked from about 1868 to 1874 as a shoemaker in Fort Dodge, Iowa. It cannot be stated with certainty that Joseph lived in or near Fort Dodge from 1870 to 1874, but it is a distinct possibility. However, by 1 October of 1874 Joseph had begun to work the land in Garfield Township, Kossuth County, Iowa, for which he received a homestead patent on 1 October 1879.* He became a naturalized citizen in Algona, Iowa, on 13 September 1875.*

Joseph Schaller was just one of many thousands of immigrants who took advantage of the 1862 Homestead Act which promised up to 160 acres of free land to every adult who lived on it and farmed any portion of it for five years. After this period of time, the settler received a patent to that land. Joseph worked his land from 1874 to 1879 and then received his patent on 1 October 1879, signed by President Rutherford B. Hayes. To landless hopefuls like Joseph, it must have seemed almost incomprehensible. In Schilligkau, five years of backbreaking work would have gained him nothing. In Iowa, he was now the proud owner of eighty acres: the north half of the northeast fourth of section twenty-two in township ninety-four (Garfield) north of range thirty west in

Kossuth County, Iowa. He would call this home for the remainder of his life.

On 24 June 1893* Joseph received from the United States Land Office in Des Moines a receipt for a Timber Culture of forty acres: the southwest fourth of the southeast fourth of section fifteen, township ninety-four, range thirty west in Kossuth County, Iowa. In return for \$6 in fees and an agreement to plant five acres of trees, Joseph gained another forty acres of land. Remember that in these homestead years, much of this area was treeless prairie except for water willows that grew close to creeks and rivers. To encourage the planting of trees, the government gave a settler forty acres if that settler planted and cultivated trees. Joseph obviously saw this as a way to add to his holdings. On 23 June 1893 he dutifully wrote in his account book that he and Martin Bonstetter broke open this land.

Fortunately for our Schaller family, a grandson of Joseph Schaller recalls stories told to him by his father, Joseph H. Schaller, concerning these homestead days. Ernie Schaller and his ten brothers and sisters grew up on this same land by West Bend. While doing the customary farm work, Ernie's father shared stories told to Joe by his father, our immigrant ancestor, Joseph Schaller. Joe shared this story of sibling cooperation that led to free land for a Schaller brother and sister. When Joseph and sister Elizabeth arrived near West Bend, both were still unmarried. They put up either sod houses or some type of shanties on either side of the line that separated their two eighty acre pieces of land: the northeast half of the northeast fourth and the southeast half of the northeast fourth of section twenty-two in Garfield Township. In this way, they could homestead 160 acres yet live close enough to each other to offer companionship and protection. Why each one did not claim a full 160 acres is unknown. For those who have memories of the Schaller farm, the shanties they built were once located below and south of the buildings on the Joseph H. Schaller farm and north of the old Faschtor house. Joseph and Elizabeth must have lived here long enough to plant a plum thicket because it remained there for several decades of the 1900s. Sometime later, circa 1880, Joseph built a frame house north of the fence line in the same area where the 1937 house once stood. This frame house was built with lumber that was hauled from Fort Dodge by team and wagon. Perhaps Joseph built the house for his wife, Anna, whom he married in 1881. The lane into the Joseph Schaller farm that can be remembered by anyone reading this was not the original lane. At one time, the lane was east of the house, along the creek. There was some kind of dispute about the corner where the lane came onto the road, and the lane was then moved farther west. This later lane was, by the way, an easement for a road to the Faschtor place. The author estimates that the sod house or shanty would have been erected in 1874 and the original one story frame house about 1879 to 1880 when Joseph was sure the land was his. (See photo #33.) The original part of the house was the portion shown to the left on the photo. It was one story high and contained a kitchen/dining area. Some years later the two-story portion was

added. It contained a living room and bedroom downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs. This addition must have been added well before 1898 when a photo taken in front of the house showed evidence of this portion. (See photo #29.) On this photo of Mrs. Schaller and her seven children, the house already looks run-down and weather-beaten. This house remained standing until shortly after 1977 when the farm passed out of the Schaller family. It was then destroyed.

Joseph, like his sisters, belonged to the Catholic faith. When he came to the area of West Bend in 1874, the town of West Bend did not exist nor was there a Catholic church. Catholics were served by a priest from either Emmetsburg or St. Joe, the little community that sprang up on section thirty-five of present day Riverdale Township in Kossuth County. The parish there had been established in 1876 but was served earlier by priests from Fort Dodge and Emmetsburg. Joseph's presence in St. Joseph Parish is confirmed by his \$5 contribution on 4 March 1877.³⁰ Joseph probably did not attend church each and every Sunday in St. Joe because it was a ten-mile trip for him. Instead, he probably attended Mass at the home of either Philip Dorweiler or Michael Bonstetter when mission priests made their occasional visits. According to West Bend Parish's 1988 history, the first Mass was said in 1877 by Father Theodore Wegman at either the Dorweiler or Bonstetter home.³¹ This continued until 1888 when West Bend Catholics built their own church. It must have been a joyous occasion for Joseph and all other West Bend Catholics when they were able to attend Mass in their own frame church, even though they did not get a resident pastor until 1897. It probably was very different for Joseph, Barbara, and Elizabeth to attend church irregularly, and then only with great effort, after they'd been accustomed to walking only a mile down the road to attend Mass at St. Wenceslaus in Berg, Bohemia.

Joseph obviously accepted responsibilities as a parish leader as evidenced by two sheets of paper found among family possessions. These two sheets list the names of West Bend area families who contributed money in January of 1891* for necessities at the church in West Bend. Forty-eight people contributed \$296 for ceiling plastering, altar benches, and outstanding debts. Three men collected this money: Philip Dorweiler, N.J. Phillips, and Joseph Schaller.³² The church was the frame one built by Father Zigrang of St. Joe in the center of West Bend and later moved to the north end of town. It was not well-maintained. When Father Dobberstein arrived in October of 1898, he recorded that it was unlocked and a broken window had admitted a robin who had built its nest in the arm of the St. Joseph statue.³³

The Marriage of Joseph Schaller and Anna Weinzetl

Apparently, Joseph Schaller did not marry while he lived in Schilligkau. Since he was the prime age to marry, the author felt it was necessary to ask the archivist to search for a possible first marriage in Schilligkau. The archivist didn't answer in the

negative or the affirmative, so the author assumes there was **not** a first marriage. Joseph waited for over ten years after arriving in America to take a wife and start a family. Perhaps he wanted to make sure he was established before embarking on a new life style. Perhaps he thought of himself as a confirmed bachelor until Anna Weinzetl came along to change his mind. Up to this point, Joseph Schaller has been occupied with establishing himself on land granted to him by the United States government. Unending work was what faced him each and every morning he awoke. His family consisted of his sisters, and only two of them lived close by. He was approaching the age of forty-two and was still single. One cannot help but wonder if he contemplated his bachelorhood and made a conscious decision to find a wife or if he expected to remain single the rest of his life. It goes without saying that the inner workings of his mind and heart will be ever closed to us who wonder about it over one hundred years later. He did not remain a bachelor, however.

Under what circumstances did Joseph meet his very young wife? Did they, perhaps, meet at church in St. Joe? Perhaps his bride-to-be, a very recent immigrant, came to the area of West Bend to find a job and here met Joseph. Or is it possible this May-December romance was an arranged marriage? Whatever the circumstances, in 1881 Joseph Schaller's life would take on a whole new dimension when a young girl named Anna Weinzetl entered his life. Anna was only sixteen years and forty-five days old when she married Joseph Schaller on 5 September 1881.* Reverend J.B. Zigrang officiated at their marriage at St. Joseph, Iowa. Witnesses were Joseph's brother-in-laws, Martin Bonstetter and John Fehlhauer. This leads one to think that Anna had no close relative to serve as a witness.

Anna Weinzetl was born 22 July 1865* to Joseph Weinzetl and Maria Loos at Banfalva, Hungary. Her birth is recorded there in the Catholic church records. Banfalva, Hungary, is now Apetlon, Austria. Anna and her Weinzetl family will possibly be the subject of another family history in the future. Extensive research in original records revealed much about Anna's early life and the life of her ancestors in Hungary. She was born into poverty, like all peasants in the then Austro-Hungarian Empire. Oral tradition related that Anna and her brother, Tony, were orphans. That proved partially true. When Anna was just five years old, her thirty-three year old mother died of typhus. Within six weeks, her father had remarried to Maria Fürst. Of Anna's seven siblings or half-siblings, only she and Tony lived beyond infancy. When Anna was ten years old, her stepmother died, also of typhus. Her father died in 1883,* two years after Anna came to America. Knowing the hopeless poverty and monotonous life style endured by inhabitants of these European villages, it's no wonder Anna left Hungary for an unknown life in America. Life in Banfalva offered her nothing but drudgery. America offered hope.

As far as can be determined, Anna had no close relatives in Kossuth County when she came in 1881 (this date was given in the 1900 census). She was one of the first from Hungary to arrive.

Most families from towns close to Anna's home came late in the 1880s, almost ten years after Anna who arrived in 1881. However, there was one Hungarian family who was already here in 1881. That was the "Stephen Loos" (probably Loos) family who came from Austria-Hungary in 1875, according to the 1900 census. He was living in Cresco Township of Kossuth County, Iowa, on 18 June 1900. His exact relationship to Anna (whose mother was born a Loos) could not be determined, even though every Banfalva church record of a Loos had been copied by the author and was then cross-checked for reference to this Stephen Loos family. This particular Stephen Loos could not be accounted for. If he was Anna's relative, the relationship was beyond that of first cousin.

So, did Anna come by herself to America or with another person or persons? Was she terrified, or was she too innocent to realize all the dangers involved in a trans-Atlantic trip? Why did she come to Kossuth County, Iowa? What brought her to Livermore, the town given as her place of residence on her 1881 marriage record? Was someone waiting for this fifteen or sixteen-year old youth when she arrived? How did she meet Joseph? Was she truly in love with him, or was this a marriage of convenience for both of them? Did she envision the possibility of being a young widow when she married a man twenty-six years her senior? All these questions, and many more, come to mind when Anna is seen as a vulnerable immigrant teenager. She becomes a character around which novels are written.

The Frankl Connection

Here will be inserted an interesting and yet unproven theory about how Joseph Schaller, age forty-two, and Anna Weinzetl, age sixteen, came to find each other and marry. The age difference of the two is significant enough to make one wonder just how and why they met and married. What follows is the author's theory, based on both fact and circumstantial evidence, that theirs was an arranged marriage and that, in some tangled way, the Frankl family from Kossuth County, Iowa, was involved in that arrangement. The evidence is somewhat complicated, and the number of men with the name Joseph just adds to the confusion. But hopefully, with a second reading, the story will fall into place for the reader.

During the author's early years of Schaller research, she assumed Joseph and Anna probably met at church in St. Joe, since Anna was living in "Livermore" according to their 1881 marriage record, and Joseph was living on his Garfield Township farm. If they attended Mass in a Catholic church rather than in a home, it would have been in St. Joe. Years later, Ernie Schaller of Eolia, Missouri, shared a very interesting story that would only later take on significance in regard to how Joseph and Anna may have met. According to the story, Joe Schaller (Ernie's father) and Barney Frankl of Irvington once had jury duty together in Algona. While the two men spent time together, they discussed how the immigrant Joseph Schaller (Joe's father) and Joseph Frankl (Barney Frankl's

father) had come over together on the same ship. This information was an entertaining piece of oral history for a genealogist, but it had no connection to Joseph and Anna's marriage and was filed away with hundreds of other pieces of data. Then, in a totally unrelated effort to research the Weinzetl family, the author began extensive research using microfilm of the original church records from the two former Hungarian towns of Banfalva and Pomagy where Anna's father (Joseph Weinzetl) and his ancestors originated and lived since before the 1820s. Months were spent studying and translating the many birth, marriage, and death records that tied to the Weinzetl line. Research expanded to the neighboring town of Pomagy where more Weinzetls were found. Remember that the WEINZETL family, not the Schaller family, was being studied; and the country involved was HUNGARY, not Bohemia. In the mind of the researcher, the Schallers were irrelevant; only the Weinzetls were of interest. Almost all entries in the church records showed these inhabitants born, marrying, and dying in the same two villages. The same surnames occurred over and over again. It was also noted that at one time there must have been some sort of military action, for marriages took place with men from other countries, and notations showed they were soldiers. This was all very interesting, but still did not directly involve any of the Weinzetls being studied. Then one day, a totally unfamiliar name jumped out of the records: **FRANKL**. It was the first and last time that surname was found in Pomagy, Hungary. The document recorded a marriage in Pomagy as follows:

Josephus **FRANKL** of Elbogen in Bohemia, son of Joseph **FRANKL** and Theresia, AND Theresia of Gablons in Bohemia, daughter of Igantius (**LATORIS** ??) and Carolina were married 27 January 1864 in the Catholic church in Pomagy, Hungary. He was thirty and unmarried. She was twenty-eight and unmarried. The bridegroom was a soldier with Max. Josef de Carte's 10th Artillery Regiment.*

(Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Microfilm #700897, page 375.)

A theory began to evolve in the mind of the author, and a logical scenario began to unfold. It was not just chance or accident that brought Anna Weinzetl to the St. Joe area in 1881. She was only sixteen. She had no known relatives in the area, yet she was one of the first from her little conclave of villages to come to Kossuth County. **Someone** or **something** was responsible for bringing her here. Is it only a coincidence that a Frankl was in the area of Hungary when Anna Weinzetl was born in 1865 and that he happened to be from Bohemia? Was the Joseph Frankl in the marriage document some relative of Barney Frankl's father, also named Joseph Frankl? (Dates show the two Joseph Frankls were not the same man.) If the two Joseph Frankls were related, is it only a coincidence that Anna came as a motherless teenager to the same county in Iowa where both Joseph Frankl and Joseph Schaller,

supposed ocean-crossing companions, were living? Is it totally out of the realm of possibility that Joseph Schaller from Schilligkau, Bohemia, might have been a soldier in the same area of Hungary as the Joseph Frankl in the document? As the years passed and circumstances changed, did any of the three Josephs (Weinzetl, Schaller, or Frankl) arrange for motherless Anna, age fifteen to sixteen, to come to Kossuth County, Iowa, where bachelor Joseph Schaller would be waiting?

Admittedly, the above is purely conjecture and may be inaccurate or totally off-base. But it seems very strange, indeed, that so many coincidences involve the Frankl, Schaller, and Weinzetl families on both sides of the Atlantic and that all the links were cemented together with the one tiny bit of oral history that Bohemian Joseph Schaller and Hungarian Joseph Frankl were travel companions on their ocean voyage.

The Children of Joseph and Anna Schaller

Joseph and Anna married on 5 September 1881* and began a family. Anna was still sixteen years old when she had her first child. They became the parents of seven children, all born on the homestead farm in Garfield Township. They were as follows:

1. Martin born 14 May 1882.*
2. Elizabeth (called Lizzie) born 3 October 1883.*
3. Joseph Henry born 27/28 June 1885.*
4. George born 28 June 1887.
5. John (called Jack) born 15 April 1890.
6. Edward Anthony born 5 July 1891.
7. Mary Anna born 28/29 September 1894.

All but Martin would live into their eighties and nineties, decades longer than either of their parents.

Joseph and Anna Schaller worked tirelessly to make their farm a profitable and improved one. It is uncertain how many farm buildings Joseph built, but he had one of the first large barns in the area. In later years this building was used as a corn crib. Their family grew in size, and their financial condition improved. The 1885 Iowa State Census found Joseph and "Annie" with their two oldest children, Martin age two years and Elizabeth age one year, living on their farm. A couple months after this census was taken, their third child, Joseph Henry, was born. In the 1895 Iowa State Census, Joseph, Anna, and all of their seven children were enumerated.

Joseph's Account Book

What is known and has been shared so far about Joseph Schaller has come from background study, archival research, oral history, and census information. But perhaps the one item that revealed the most about Joseph was his own account book. It lay untouched and unnoticed for ninety-eight years. Again, it is here to study only

because the Schallers were savers, and it was among other things set aside by Joseph H. Schaller. It proved to be a fascinating puzzle that, once set together, revealed a great deal about the man, Joseph Schaller. The lined account book is eleven inches high by five inches wide and is in deteriorating condition. (See photo #122.) Because of its fragility, the original is put away in an acid-free container and only copies are handled. The first date entered was 20 March 1893 and the last was 4 April 1896. Joseph used the old German script, and his handwriting was usually neat and readable. The author was able to glean some interesting facts from Joseph's own record, but not without considerable effort. The use of two old German dictionaries and many hours of work were not enough to get a good start in translating the account book. After a frustrating start, it finally became clear why so many words weren't in the German dictionary. By 1893, Joseph had been in the United States for at least twenty-three years. By then he was bilingual, and he **wrote** accordingly. He wrote many words in German, but some were in English. However, he spelled those English words phonetically, the way a German would pronounce and say them. Armed with this new insight, the puzzle pieces began to fall into place. Words not found in German dictionaries now began to make sense: pinatz became peanuts; Kante became candy; wurm Medezin became worm medicine; Yord became yard; Resins became raisins; spule zwirn became spool of thread (a combination of a German and an English word); Matsches became matches; Tuzent became dozen; Kafe became coffee; boket became bucket; sirob became syrup; Timmete became timothy (grass); bir became beer; bet blanket became bed blanket; putschel became bushel; reis became rice; beinkiller became painkiller; kaf medezin became cough medicine; Truck stor became drugstore. (Spelling and capitalization are as Joseph wrote the words in his account book.)

Since this account book is of great genealogical and historical interest to both family members and interested researchers, some of the more engaging entries will be listed. The following does not include every entry. Some were too difficult for the author to decipher and some pages were either torn or mouse-eaten. At the very least, these entries give a general view of life on an 1890s farm in central Iowa. At the same time, they give a detailed view of the mundane happenings of the Joseph Schaller family. The entries tabulate receipts and debits on a given day in a given year. However, interspersed among the financial data were revealing disclosures of a more personal nature. Following is an interpretive translation of some of the entries.

1. 8 Jan 1893--Church in West Bend. \$2.05 for the pastor.
2. 18 Jan 1893--Joseph refers to Martin and "Elisa" Bonstetter. This is important because it supports the conclusion that the Joseph and Eliza "Sheller" found next to the Sellner family near Earlville in the 1870 census were truly our Joseph and Elizabeth Schaller.
3. He consistently purchased sugar (25 cents), syrup (50 cents), coffee (25 cents), corn meal (35 cents), flour

(\$1.25), candy (5 cents), and tobacco. He occasionally purchased shoes for Anna or the children (\$1.50), school books (29 cents), thread (25 cents), nails (5 cents), medicine, slate boards (5 cents), yardage for tablecloth (50 cents), baskets (25 cents), milk cans (\$2.25), barrels of salt (\$1.50), beer drink (10 cents), gallon of vinegar (25 cents), peaches, grapes, and apples.

4. 9 Feb 1893--sent a letter to his sister (unnamed) at the cost of two cents.
5. 18 Feb 1893--sent a letter to his brother (unnamed) at the cost of five cents. Since the postage is five cents rather than two cents, the letter was probably to his brother in Europe.
6. 25 Feb 1893--Church in West Bend.
7. 21 Mar 1893--Church in West Bend.
8. 4 Apr 1893--Church in West Bend.
9. 16 Apr 1893--Church in West Bend.
10. 26 Apr 1893--bought nine yards of fabric for \$1.
11. 6 May 1893--sold 18 bushels of barley for \$4.60.
12. 19 May 1893--bought two pair of shoes for "Lise" and Joseph.
13. 27 May 1893--in Bode to have barley ground to meal.
14. 12 June 1893--in Algona on business; meal costs \$1.
(While there, he probably picked up the Weinzel family who had arrived from Banfalva, Hungary.)
15. 18 July 1893--"hat and suit for myself" for \$9. (Written in German.)
16. 20 July 1893--bought medicine for Martin for \$1.60.
17. 25 July 1893--bought string or twine for \$5.25.
18. 13 Aug 1893--bought ten yards of flannel for \$.75.
19. 24 Feb 1894--bought six school books for \$2.75.
20. 1 Mar 1894--bought tobacco for Anton (Weinzel).
21. 3 Mar 1894--sent a letter to his brother in Germany for \$.05.
22. 17 Mar 1894--bought Anton tobacco.
23. 26 Mar 1894--paid Grist Moser for threshing \$16.
24. 31 Mar 1894--bought children's shoes for \$5.31.
25. 13 Apr 1894--sold seven dozen eggs for \$.56.
26. 16 Apr 1894--bought two spools of thread for Anton Weinzel.
27. 17 Apr 1894--bought George shoes for \$1.60.
28. 9 May 1894--bought yardage for Lise (Elizabeth).
29. 9 May 1894--two writing books for the children for \$.20.
30. 16 June 1894--sold five pigs (1200 pounds) for \$52.05.
31. 19 June 1894--paid Joseph \$1.25 for _____?
32. 29 Sept 1894--"ist und ein Madchen Geboren" a girl is born.
This is his recording of the birth of daughter, Mary.
33. 30 Oct 1894--he paid Tofil Zaugg \$3.75.
34. 15 Nov 1894--300 pounds wheat at Bode mill.
35. 22 Dec 1894--Confession and Communion. (He put a * by this entry, as though it were important.)
36. 25 Dec 1894--paid the drugstore \$2.50 for bottle of medicine.
37. 11 Jan 1895--bought Joseph shoes and overshoes.
38. 3 Mar 1895--bought medicine.
39. 4 Apr 1895--Confession and Communion.

40. 18 Apr 1895--paid the cobbler for Lise's shoes \$1.50.
41. 1 June 1895--drugstore medicine \$2.65.
42. Jan 1896--bought grapes for \$.25.
43. Jan 1896--received ant eggs and herb tea from brother in Germany.
44. 7 Jan 1896--bought three yards of red flannel.
45. 23 Jan 1896--paid John Moser \$22.50.
46. 30 Mar 1896--bought cough medicine for \$.60.
47. 30 Mar 1896--paid Dr. Baker \$1.10 for painkiller.
48. 18 Apr 1896--paid for medicine \$2.
49. 5 May 1896--cloth for trousers and dresses \$1.55.
50. 4 May 1896--planted potatoes.

The above entries represent about one-fifth of what Joseph wrote in his account book. They tell much about the Schaller family and the kind of life they lived. But in addition to these entries, the account book, when closely studied, reveals some interesting insights not directly stated but rather implied. Here are some of these insights.

1. Joseph was very much aware of the value of money. He kept track of amounts as small as two cents and as large as a hundred dollars.
2. He went to town regularly and did the shopping for the basic staples he couldn't provide on the farm. When he went to town, he occasionally ate a meal and had a mug of beer.
3. He must have had a soft spot for his children, for when he went to town, he usually brought home candy.
4. He raised crops of corn, barley, and timothy grass.
5. The Schallers raised hogs, chickens, and had milk cows. They sold eggs and butter.
6. Joseph went to West Bend, Algona, Bode, and Whittemore. No other towns were mentioned. Algona seemed to be the town he visited to do major business: selling crops, making major purchases, grinding meal.
7. Joseph's recorded trips to town were anywhere from once to seven times a month. The average, however, was once a week. This included shopping trips and business trips to the mill. This is interesting because it points out the fact that they were not as isolated as one might think.
8. He had a working relationship with Martin Bonstetter, Grist (Christian?) Moser, Tofil Zaugg, John Fehlhauer, and Henry Reinhard.
9. Priests made fairly regular visits to the mission parish of West Bend. For some reason, Joseph did not record their attendance at church as often toward the end of the journal as in the beginning. It appears they were faithful in attending church services, but reception of the sacraments was infrequent.
10. Oral history had provided the information that Joseph Schaller paid for the passage of Anna's brother and family to come to America: Tony Weinzetl. The account book confirmed this story. On 4 April 1893 Joseph sent Anton

Weinzetl \$125 so they could come to America, but Joseph had to borrow the money from Martin Bonstetter. On 12 June 1893, Anton, wife, and one child (who had been born at sea) arrived at the Schaller house. On 14 June, Anton began working for Joseph. He probably worked for him until he had paid back his passage.

11. Basic staples were purchased often and in rather large quantities. When one realizes that there were eleven persons living in the Schaller household, this becomes understandable.
12. Joseph had a brother in "Deutschland" to whom he wrote letters about once a year. He never named this brother. Since he simply recorded that he wrote a letter to "brother," it seems likely that he had just one brother. Records found later confirmed this.
13. The Schaller children attended school during off-seasons because he bought them slates, books, and paper.
14. Anna and daughter, Elizabeth, must have been seamstresses because yards of fabric, wool yarn, and thread were bought regularly.
15. Martin, who died at age sixteen in 1898, may have been sick a long time because medicine was bought specifically for him.
16. Anna probably did not own the adornments usually enjoyed by women. If Joseph recorded spending two cents for a stamp, he undoubtedly would have recorded a larger amount for hair combs, jewelry, etc. The only frivolous item found was trim for a blouse.
17. From his death certificate, it is known that Joseph died of tuberculosis and the duration of his disease was ten years. From 1894 onward, he often bought medicine not specified for Martin. In March 1896 his purchase of painkiller and cough medicine would lead one to believe his disease was advancing. By May of 1897 Joseph had died of tuberculosis.
18. From July 1895 to December 1895 there were almost no entries in Joseph's account book. In 1896 he entered data only in January, March, and April. April was the last month of any entry. Why this scarcity of data when in earlier years he had taken more than a page to record one month's transactions? In all probability, Joseph was too sick to continue his meticulous record keeping, for surely money was earned and spent during that time period.

Without a doubt, the existence of Joseph's account book has added greatly to an understanding of the Schaller family. It becomes a window into which his descendants can peer to observe the obscure life style of their ancestors. It also becomes a vehicle to compare costs of products and services in the 1890s to those a hundred years later.

Joseph's Death

It is now time to return to the chronological story of Joseph and his family after taking time to study his account book. He, Anna, and their seven children were living on the farm in 1895. Joseph was well into middle age and was keenly aware of his failing health due to years of tuberculosis, a prevalent disease at the turn of the century. One of its side effects, fatigue, must have made farming difficult for him. His older children were approaching their teenage years and probably had to assume more and more of the responsibilities of the farm. Undoubtedly, Anna either assumed or continued doing field and livestock chores. With extended months of rest and medication, some victims of tuberculosis lived, but Joseph was not one of these.

One cannot help but wonder how Anna assessed the situation she now inherited. Her husband was dying. Only in her early thirties, she had to face the prospect of raising seven children alone while continuing to farm. All this she had to face, in addition to the emotional trauma of losing the man who had been her husband for over half her young life. Anna probably didn't have an easy or luxurious day in her entire life. With the spunk and resolve that were the trademark of immigrant women, she undoubtedly faced the challenge head-on. If she ever felt sorry for herself or decried the negatives in her life, it would have been of brief duration because she had to apply all her energies to the tasks ahead. The religious faith later displayed by her descendants may well have been learned from her, and this faith also would have been a stabilizing factor in her situation.

On 2 February 1896,* only two months after buying cough medicine and painkiller from Doctor Baker, Joseph Schaller made a will which was filed in the Kossuth County Courthouse in Algona, Iowa. These were the provisions of his will.

1. Give and bequeath to my wife, Anna Schaller, all my real and personal property of every description to hold the same during her natural life and after her death to go to my children in equal parts.
2. My said wife, Anna Schaller, shall pay to my children on coming to the age of twenty-one years, to each and every one the sum of \$200.
3. I hereby appoint Martin Bonstetter and J.C. Fehlhauer as executors of this my last will and testament. (In a later document, both men declined to act as executors. In a letter dated 10 January 1898,* Anna was to return an enclosed petition for appointment as administrator. For some reason, she did not comply, and on 22 January 1898,* Henry Reinhard a neighbor, was appointed administrator.)
4. Bonds were in the sum of \$1500 and \$1000.
5. Names of sureties were Jerome Yackley and Henry Paas. (Interestingly, Anna's 1908 marriage to Jerome Yackley was to have negative financial overtones.)

At 6:30 a.m. on 13 May 1897,* just as spring field work would

be starting, Joseph Schaller died. His age at death was reported as 57 years, one month, and fourteen days.³⁴ This is incorrect. His birth was recorded in Berg, Bohemia, as 8 May 1839.* He was actually 58 years and five days old at death. He was buried in the Catholic cemetery of West Bend on 15 May 1897. His family erected a large stone that still stands and on which, a year later, the name of his son, Martin, would be added. (See photo #31.)

Widow Anna Schaller

The Joseph Schaller saga now continues without the presence of its main character, Joseph. The focus now shifts to the survivors, a very apt name for those who must go on after hardship, tragedy, and loss. Anna had probably already taken the reins of family affairs into her hands while Joseph was sick, so the challenge facing her was not a complete surprise. In May of 1897 the children's ages would have been as follows: Martin, fifteen; Lizzie, thirteen; Joseph, twelve; George, ten; John, seven; Ed, six; and Mary, almost three. The family continued living on the farm. Besides doing their own work, the older boys worked out. Oral history revealed that Joseph hired out to Roy Hayes after his father's death.

But death still hovered over the Schaller family. Just twelve months and two weeks after his father died, Martin joined him on 2 June 1898.* He was just sixteen years old. His death was not recorded in the Algona Courthouse. The date was given on his tombstone and was recorded in the church records of Sts. Peter and Paul. Oral history provided two different causes of death for Martin. One of Martin's brothers, Ed, said he died of a burst appendix. Another brother, Joseph, told his son that Martin died of pneumonia. One wonders whether Martin might actually have died of tuberculosis as his father had just a year earlier. A rather eerie tale accompanies the story of Martin's death as told by Joseph H. Schaller to one of his sons. According to Joe, his older brother had died and was laid out in the house, an almost universal practice before the days of funeral homes. Joe was walking outside past a window of the house, and he heard Martin cough. To a pragmatic individual, an obvious explanation is that Martin's death had such a profound effect on his younger brother that this was Joe's way of coping with his death and "wishing" his brother alive again. The story of the disembodied cough again points to congestive complications as a cause of Martin's death. Perhaps Joe had heard his brother cough for such a long time as a result of his consumption that his mind, rather than his ears, continued to hear it.

Martin was laid to rest beside his father. Just three weeks earlier, Martin Bonstetter had also died, on 10 May 1898.* It had been an unbelievably tragic year for Anna, her children, and for Elizabeth Bonstetter.

Perhaps Anna found the farm too isolated or the work too overwhelming for her. Whatever her reasons, she decided to move

to town. However, in June of 1900, she and the children were still living on the farm. On 28 December 1900* Anna Schaller sold to E.W. Bachman for \$86 "eleven milk cows, three horses and one mare. The above property is kept in my possession and under my care on my farm in Garfield Township, Kossuth County, Iowa."³⁵

Shortly after selling her livestock, Anna moved into a house immediately south of her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Bonstetter. Both were in block number seven in Lechtenberg's addition, the block immediately south of the Catholic church. It is not known whether Anna built the house, moved into an existing house, or had the house moved onto the property. An early postcard photo was unearthed in the Ed Schaller family, and it gave a clue. (See photo #34.) It shows a rather dilapidated-looking house setting off the ground on ties. Printed on the front is this note: "Ed's old home in Iowa before they fixed it." Ed Schaller would have lived in only two family homes in his youth, the one on the farm and the one his mother owned in West Bend. It is certain this is not the house on the farm, so it probably is Mrs. Schaller's West Bend house. A sidewalk is visible, indicating it is in a town. Because it is setting on railroad ties, it could be that the house was moved onto the property. The shape and style are basically the same as the house now on the same location and lived in by Mrs. Ferdinand Montag. (See photo #35.)

Anna Schaller and Elizabeth Bonstetter, both widows, were now settled into life in West Bend. Living next to each other, they must have been a support to each other. What is not clear is whether all of Anna's children moved into town with her, if the older boys stayed on the farm, or if they worked and lived with other farmers. In early 1901 the oldest living child, Joseph H., would have been fifteen and a half years old, a bit young to be farming alone. However, in July of 1901 Joseph H. paid a \$1.92 highway tax on the property.

Anna had a working relationship with her pastor, Father Dobberstein. Receipts show she both borrowed from and lent money to him. She also consistently paid pew rent.

The Orphan Train

The next major event in Anna's life concerned a phenomenon known simply as "The Orphan Train."³⁶ It was an occurrence in American history unlike any other, and it influenced thousands of children and families, including the Schallers. It created questions and mysteries that are unanswered even to this day. The orphan trains first began in 1854 and continued operation until the late 1920s. Their effects, however, are like far-reaching tentacles that still keep a firm grip on families.

Reverend Charles Loring Brace was a preacher and social-conscious individual who established the Children's Aid Society as a way of dealing with the homeless orphan children discarded into the streets of New York City. Besides providing training and housing for working children old enough to support themselves,

Brace also devised the idea of sending parentless street children west on trains. He felt they would have more of a future with established families rather than living the fragmented life of a street urchin. Thus began the movement of thousands of orphans, abandoned children, immigrants, and even delinquents to the waiting arms of the west, midwest, and south. The trains stopped at towns along the way, and the children were shepherded into some public building: the depot, a church, a school, even an opera house. Here they waited for the townspeople to make decisions that would change the lives of all of them forever. Children were chosen for a variety of reasons. Some couples were childless, and this was one way of establishing a family. Some people simply could not turn away from their Christian responsibility of sheltering the homeless. Unfortunately, it was not uncommon for some people to look upon this as a chance to acquire free labor, since older boys were expected to work for the family until they were eighteen. Those children not chosen boarded the train once more and went to the next stop where the process was again repeated.

In 1869 the Catholic Church established the New York Foundling Hospital and imitated the practice. One main difference between the Children's Aid Society and the New York Foundling Hospital was that the priest of a Catholic parish made arrangements in advance for children to be sent. Families had already been chosen. The child wearing a numbered tag was matched with the family of the same number. Some of these children were formally adopted while some remained foster children. Siblings were sometimes separated.

The Orphan Train concept was one answer to a significant social problem. Abuses did creep in, but organizers were well-meaning and truly wanted a better life for these unfortunate children. Each case history would make a fascinating book. Some of the children did experience a positive situation; others were not so fortunate. Today an organization has been formed called the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America. Through its efforts, an attempt is being made to learn as much as possible about the entire movement and to keep a directory of the children sent out on the trains. Poignant stories are related by now elderly citizens about their experiences. Nebraskan Mary Tenopir, after recounting her story remarked lovingly, "My mother never told people, 'This is my adopted daughter.' She said 'This is my daughter, Mary.'"³⁷

How did this experience touch the Schaller family? While researching the 1910 Federal Census of Iowa, the following information was found: living with Jerome and Anna Yackley (Anna Schaller had remarried in 1908) was Lena, age eight, adopted daughter born in New York. Though totally startled by this surprising information, the orphan trains immediately came to the mind of the researcher. If Anna had adopted a child, no one in the Schaller family of recent years was aware of it. Had West Bend been a stop on the orphan train journey? Research revealed that, indeed, West Bend had become home for six little girls from St. Vincent's Orphanage in New York City. The operation had been under the direction of Father Paul Dobberstein, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in West Bend. At least one of the girls, Helen, came in 1904.

She was adopted by the Martin Csukker family and became Mrs. Harold Rudolph. She died in California in 1989. The other girls probably came at the same time as Helen, but this is not proven. Census records and an interview with ninety-seven year old Mary Collins of West Bend helped uncover the names of the families who took in the little girls.³⁸

1. The Frank Derner family took in Frances Ross who was eight in 1910. (Learned from the census.)
2. Father Dobberstein, whose mother and sister were living with him, took in Agnes, last name unknown, who was eight in 1910. (Learned from the census and from Mary Collins.)
3. The Martin Csukker family took in Helen, last name unknown, who was eight in 1910. (Learned from the census, the 1988 West Bend church history, and from family descendants.)
4. Anna Yackley took in Lena, last name unknown, who was eight in 1910. (Learned from the census and from Mary Collins.)
5. Mrs. Koenig took in a child, name unknown. (Learned from Mary Collins.)
6. A Detterman or Denninger family took in a child, name unknown. (Learned from Mary Collins.)

The last two were names as Mrs. Collins said them, but they were not found in the 1910 census. A newspaper article would have been a wonderful source of information on the arrival of these little girls. Unfortunately, the West Bend Journal from these years is unavailable either in West Bend or Des Moines. The people of West Bend, the public library, even Father Dobberstein's longtime assistant, Father Louis Greving, had little or no recollection of the children taken in by these loving families.

It is not difficult to understand why Anna Schaller would have been willing, even eager, to take one of these unfortunate children. She had only to look back on her own childhood. She knew what it was like to lose family, to be adrift in a world where the only anchor was one's own determination. What she could not foresee was that her maternal actions toward Lena would be of short duration. Anna had little Lena from about 1904 (assuming she came at the same time as Helen) until Anna's tragic death in 1910. Nothing else is known of Lena. What happened to her after Anna died? Did she stay with Jerome Yackley, or did another family take her in? Did she grow up in West Bend? Did she continue to live there all her life, or did she leave when she grew to adulthood? Did Lena keep her own last name, and what was that name? Did Anna love Lena as Mary Tenopir's mother had loved her? Did Lena panic when she realized that, once again, she was an orphan? It's unlikely any of these questions will ever be answered. Almost ninety years have passed since the girls came to West Bend, and memories of them seem to have faded into oblivion. But the story of the West Bend Orphan Train girls will not go unheralded. The director of the Orphan Train Heritage Society has asked permission to publish in their newsletter the story of the little girls who came to West Bend.

Anna Schaller's Second Marriage

After living eleven years as a widow and having most of her children grown, Anna Schaller married widower Jerome Yackley on 6 October 1908.*³⁹ Armed with both evidence and oral history, it appears this marriage was unconventional for that time, and probably unfortunate. According to a family story, the marriage was arranged by Father Dobberstein. Both Anna and Jerome were widowed, and he felt it would be beneficial for both of them if they married. Jerome Yackley had been married twice before. He had at least three children from his first marriage, all of whom were grown when he married Anna. His second wife, ten years his senior, had died on 21 December 1907.*

A prenuptial agreement in 1992 is not uncommon, but in 1908 it certainly had to be considered an unusual contract. Anna Schaller and Jerome Yackley signed an antenuptial contract on 23 September 1908* at Algona, Iowa. Both parties agreed not to restrict or control the disposition of current or future property nor to claim any right of dower or homestead to any property belonging to the other at the time of decease. Apparently one or both felt the need to protect their property. At the time of their marriage, all of Anna's children were out of her house but Lena. Lizzie was married to Henry Stattelmann and living in Minnesota. Jack and Ed were bachelors living near their married sister. Joseph and George were farming their mother's farm. Mary, just sixteen, was keeping house for her brothers on the farm. Did Anna's children approve of Anna's new husband? A comment in a 16 October 1908 letter to Joseph from his friend, Will Ruch, gave a clue to be interpreted as the reader wishes.

Well, Well, Well, your new Dady ho ho ho--
Oh let them have this fun ho-ho-ho-he-he-he
that Tob (a nickname?) ho-ho-ho- I think Tob
is O.K. if your Mother can keep him straight
but I have to lough at Tobe ho-ho-ho- he has
got his 3 wife now witch is more than I will
ever want to have...
tell your mother that I wish her a long and
happy life With Mr. Yackley.

Unfortunately, the last comment did not materialize. Two years later, in 1910, Anna had died tragically, and her husband did try to acquire her property, despite their antenuptial agreement.

Anna Schaller Yackley's Death

Thanksgiving Day of 1910 fell on November 24th. According to a family story, Anna was at home preparing a big dinner while the rest of the family was attending Mass. She usually used kerosene to start the fire in the kitchen stove. The can fell on the stove from a top shelf and exploded. Her clothing caught fire and she

was severely burned. Anna lay in her home suffering for two weeks before she was released from her agony. Anna Koppi was a young girl at the time of Anna's accident. She related that when going to and from school past Anna's house, they were warned to be very quiet. The Sisters and the children prayed for her every day until she died.⁴⁰

Anna Weinzetl Schaller Yackley died on 9 December 1910.* She was forty-five years, four months and seventeen days old at her death, even though her death certificate stated that she was born 5 July 1864 and was forty-six years, five months, and four days old at death. Anna was buried in the Catholic cemetery in West Bend on 11 December 1910.* The family never did have her birth and death dates carved into the existing Schaller monument, and her death was never recorded in the West Bend church records. What is known of her death date and burial place came from her death record at the Palo Alto County Courthouse in Emmetsburg and from the results of a probe of the cemetery. Jack Schaller, Anna's son, died in the winter of 1972, and the intention was to bury him in the spring in the plot north of Joseph Schaller, his father. Upon probing, it was discovered there was already a body there, and it was assumed to be that of Anna.

Anna Yackley died without a will. Her oldest son, Joseph, was appointed administrator of her estate on 8 March 1911.* A day before Joseph filed his petition, Jerome Yackley did the same. Joseph's lawyer told him, "He made an effort to set your appointment aside, but I hardly think he will, because he certainly cannot succeed."⁴¹

The court case brought by Jerome Yackley against the Schaller children was settled by giving Mr. Yackley \$100.

I, Jerome Yackley, surviving spouse of the above named Anna Yackley, hereby acknowledge the receipt of \$100.00 in full compromise settlement and payment of all my Counter Claims, in the suit pending in the Palo Alto District Court, wherein Joseph Schaller Adm. is plff. and Jerome H. Yackley is defendant.

Dated this 14th day of March 1912 at West Chicago, Ill.

So ended the earthly sojourn of an immigrant couple who came from different countries, met in Kossuth County, married and raised a family, and died in their adopted homeland. Joseph Schaller and Anna Weinzetl endured the hardships that were a part of the pioneering experience, and they lived long enough to know their progeny would carry on what they had begun. They surely experienced all the emotions that are a part of man's human nature: joy, sorrow, fear, anger, passion, disappointment, envy, satisfaction, excitement, guilt, determination, regret, spiritual fervor, and love. Each of these could be a label on some element of their lives, just as they surely are for each of us, their

descendants. This writer and descendant of Joseph and Anna has tried to make both of them become real people, flesh and blood human beings, by presenting an enhanced chronology of their lives. In the end, however, each reader is free to regard these ancestors as they wish, based on the facts presented.



Martin SCHALLER
Son of Joseph SCHALLER and Anna WEINZETL

Martin Schaller was the first child born to Joseph Schaller and his young wife, Anna Weinzetl, who was still sixteen when Martin was born. He was born in Garfield Township of Kossuth County, Iowa, on 14 May 1882* and was baptized at St. Joseph Parish on 6 June 1882.* His sponsors were Martin and Elizabeth Bonstetter who were his father's sister and her husband. Martin grew up with his brothers and sisters who, joined the family in rapid succession, and helped with all the farm and livestock work. His younger brother, Joe, hunted gophers with a muzzle-loading rifle, so it is likely Martin did the same.

Martin probably attended country school in School House #4 which was shown in the southeast corner of section sixteen on a 1913 plat map. An old schoolhouse still sets on the same site, three-fourths of a mile west of the Schaller farm, but it is very doubtful it is the same building. Martin probably received some special instruction in the Catholic faith to prepare him for a major event in the life of a young Catholic, First Holy Communion. If he made his First Communion at age fourteen, as was then the custom, it would have been in 1896 and would have taken place at St. Joseph Parish.

Martin was not to live a long life. His father's account book frequently recorded buying medicine specifically for Martin, which would indicate he was not in good health. He died on 2 June 1898,* just three weeks after his sixteenth birthday. Three family sources gave three different causes for Martin's death. One said he died of a burst appendix; another said he died of pneumonia; and a third said he died of consumption, an old term for tuberculosis. His death is not recorded in Kossuth County records to clarify this issue. Since his father had died just a year before of tuberculosis (a contagious disease) and since he had been taking

medicine for some time before his death, it could well be that Martin died as the result of pneumonia and/or tuberculosis.

While doing research on the Weinzetl family among original church records of Banfalva, Hungary, the author happened upon a curious and sad stigma that followed the name "Martin" in the Weinzetl family. For three consecutive generations in the Weinzetl/Schaller line, the oldest child--each one named Martin--died before reaching adulthood. In the first instance, Anna (Weinzetl) Schaller's mother, born Maria Loos, had a son before she was married. Named Martin, he was born 2 December 1858* and died 25 December 1858* in Banfalva, Hungary. In the second instance, Anna (Weinzetl) Schaller's first child, the Martin being treated in this biography, died in 1898 at age sixteen. In the third instance, Anna's first grandchild, Martin Schaller, was stillborn on 20 June 1913. He was the first son of Joseph H. Schaller and his wife, Elizabeth. Interestingly, there has been no Martin since Joseph and Elizabeth's baby son stillborn in 1913.

A photo of Martin does exist, which helps to make him seem like a real person rather than a vague image of a just another child who died young. Sometime between 1896 and 1898, a photo of Mrs. Schaller and her seven children was taken in front of the farmhouse. All the boys are in suits, rumped though they are. All appear to be squinting, which gave them a stern appearance. Since the front of the house faced south, they were probably looking into the afternoon sun when the picture was taken. This is a very valuable photo for many reasons. It is the only **known** photo of both Anna and Martin. (Anna is visible on her son's group wedding photo, but the figures are so small, it is difficult to see her clearly.) The photo shows the other Schallers as children. The unpainted house and weedy yard tell a bit about life on a turn-of-the-century Iowa farm. The appearance of the house and yard helps to point out the situation widow Anna faced after Joseph Schaller's death. The adage, "A picture is worth a thousand words," certainly makes a point in this case. (See photo #29.)

Martin Schaller was buried next to his father in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in West Bend on 5 June 1898.* His death date was carved into the large stone erected for his father who died in 1897.



Elizabeth SCHALLER

Daughter of Joseph SCHALLER and Anna WEINZETL
Wife of Henry STATTELMAN

Elizabeth Regina Schaller was born 3 October 1883,* the second of Joseph and Anna Schaller's children. She was baptized at St. Joseph Parish on 1 November 1883,* and her sponsors were Martin and Elizabeth Bonstetter. Like her siblings, she attended country school for several years during the slow seasons on the farm. She was able to attend school only until the fourth grade. She made her First Holy Communion with the class of 1900 in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.⁴² She helped her mother with housework, with caring for the younger children, and with doing outside chores. Like all young girls, knowing how to sew and mend was vital, so she learned these as soon as she was able. Her father bought her yard goods, thread, and yarn which he recorded in his account book.

Elizabeth, known as Lizzie, began to work for others outside the home at the age of ten. She did housework, clothes-mending, child care and chores for other families. Every little bit of income helped the family at home. At the age of seventeen, Lizzie married Henry Stattelman at West Bend on 4 May 1901. Henry was born 28 May 1874 at Cloverdale, Illinois, to Alois Stattelman and Regina Miller. The Alois Stattelman family had first lived in Wheaton, Illinois, but moved to Kossuth County, Iowa, in 1888. While there, they lived on Section 20 in Riverdale Township, approximately four miles east of the Joseph Schaller family. In 1905 most of the Stattelman family moved back to Illinois. Henry and Lizzie remained in Kossuth County along with their four young children Mary, Rose, Edwin, and Joseph.

Like so many other farmers of that period, Henry began looking for less expensive farmland in Minnesota. He went as far north as Thief River Falls, Pennington County, in extreme northwest Minnesota, intending to homestead a quarter section. However, he learned that the land available in that far north region was often flooded, so he returned to Iowa. Henry and his brother, Ferdinand, drove a team of horses and wagon to Canby, Yellow Medicine County, in southwest Minnesota searching for a relocation site. Ferdinand found a place in that area near Milroy. Henry and Elizabeth eventually decided to move their family to Big Stone County in

western Minnesota.

During the first week of March in 1908, Henry, Lizzie, and their children Mary, Rose, Edwin, and Joseph took the train and moved to Clinton, Big Stone County, Minnesota. A few particulars about their journey were recounted in oral reports and in letters to Joe Schaller from his sister, Lizzie, and his brother, George. The Stattelmans loaded their possessions on the train at Irvington, Iowa. They arrived in Clinton on 6 March 1908, and immediately unloaded the horses. A snowstorm prevented any further unloading of household goods. George related that the railroad car and trip cost Henry \$125, almost a half a year's wages.⁴³ Both oral history and George's letter related that Lizzie's first train ride was not a positive experience. She was physically sick the whole trip, and the older girls had to care for Joseph who was about one and a half years old. The children seemed to take the trip in stride.⁴⁴

The family's first night in Clinton was spent sleeping above a restaurant on main street. A family from Iowa had moved near Clinton in previous years, and they took the Stattelman family in for a short time until they were settled in their new home four miles east of town in section ten of Malta Township. It seems that several families from the same area in Iowa made a migration to the Big Stone County area during this time period. From the tone of Lizzie's letters to her brother, she seemed to be happy and content in their Minnesota home. The land looked very much like Iowa, the landlord was digging a new well, her garden was coming up, and her hens were laying seventy eggs a day.⁴⁵

The Stattelman family had only been on their new farmstead for a few months when the nearby community of Clinton suffered a great disaster. A cyclone hit the town on 27 June 1908. Before the storm, Henry and a friend were headed to Big Stone Lake to fish. As they drove their team and wagon west of Clinton, they saw the tornado form and go through the town. As Henry hurried back toward home, he saw that half of Clinton was devastated. A total of seven people lost their lives. During the storm, Lizzie and her young children took refuge in the farmhouse. Lizzie and her daughter, Mary, nailed a quilt up to a large window in the house which had been shattered during the storm. When Henry arrived home, he was relieved to find his family safe after witnessing the destruction in Clinton.

Lizzie and Henry moved to a different farm four miles southwest of the town of Johnson in section twenty-nine of Moonshine Township. While living at this farm, their fifth child, Agnes, was born. Elizabeth's brothers, Ed and Jack, also came to the area from Iowa during this time period. They both lived on a farm about a half mile from Henry and Lizzie. This farmstead eventually became the long-time home of Ed Schaller and his wife, Rose, and they lived on this same place for almost sixty years. Lizzie and Henry associated frequently with Ed and Rose and brother, Jack, during all their years in Minnesota.

Henry and Lizzie often went to dances in a huge round barn a few miles from their farm. The kids went with their parents to the barn dances. The younger children would sometimes sleep in an oat

bin while the adults danced on the main floor. Lizzie often told her grandchildren, "You couldn't ever find a corner in which to hide inside that barn...because there weren't any!"

The family made another move to a third farm two miles west of Clinton. After renting the other farms, Henry and Lizzie purchased this 160 acres in section eighteen of Almond Township where the family spent most of their farming years. Florence was born on the Almond Township farm, and the children who grew up there still hold many fond memories of their farm home.

Many of Lizzie and Henry's adult children lived on or near the farm for periods of time. The George (Mary) Goodhart family lived on the next quarter section to the south. Mary's final home was on her son George's farm near Wilmot, South Dakota. The Chris (Rose) Reimers family farmed the homeplace before locating on their own farm in Almond Township. Rose and Chris retired in Clinton. Edwin farmed the place for awhile and eventually relocated in Waterloo, Iowa with his wife, Evelyn, and family. Edwin worked as a welder in a manufacturing plant. Joseph worked for his father on the farm for a time before moving to Thief River Falls, Minnesota and Pontiac, Michigan for a few years. He moved to Clinton with his wife, Winnie, and they raised their children there. Joe ran a blacksmith shop and manufacturing business. The Everett (Agnes) Lestina family were the last to live on the farm before it was sold in 1952. They relocated in Little Falls and Long Prairie, Minnesota. Agnes was an elementary school teacher. The youngest daughter, Florence, had a long career working for the F.B.I. in Washington, D.C. Florence retired in Long Prairie, Minnesota.

When they reached their retirement years, Henry and Lizzie moved to Clinton. While living there, Lizzie worked for others by doing housecleaning around town. Henry worked for the elevator and the Farmers' Shipping Association. He later worked for their son, Joe, at his blacksmith shop. Elizabeth had one of the last chicken coops in town and always collected eggs from her hens. It was a favorite activity of the grandchildren to collect eggs in her old barn.

Lizzie was known for being good-hearted and kind to others. Henry and Lizzie lived near the railroad track and during the Depression, hobos often traveled on the trains. These vagabonds would sometimes stop at Lizzie's kitchen for a meal. They passed on the word about her generosity and others would stop by. Lizzie gave the hobos sandwiches and coffee in a tin can. She never turned anyone away and many thanks were returned by the grateful visitors.

Lizzie and Henry's grandchildren in Clinton often stopped by to visit on their way to school. There was usually something good to eat for the kids at Grandma and Grandpa's house.

Henry died 9 January 1960 and was buried at Mound Cemetery in Ortonville, Minnesota. Lizzie lived in her house in Clinton until 1967 when she moved in with her daughter, Mary Goodhart. She stayed with Mary until March of 1972. She then resided at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Clinton until her death in Graceville, Minnesota, on 5 May 1972.* She was buried in Ortonville beside her husband of fifty-nine years.



Joseph Henry SCHALLER

Son of Joseph Schaller and Anna Weinzetl
Husband of Elizabeth Von Bank

Joseph Henry Schaller, the third child born to Joseph Schaller and Anna Weinzetl, was born in Garfield Township, Kossuth County, Iowa, on his parent's farm in section twenty-two. He and his family have always used 28 June 1885 as his date of birth. However, in preparation for this book, his birth and baptism dates were solicited from the Catholic church records in St. Joseph, Iowa. His birth date from those records was given as 27 June 1885,* not 28 June. He was baptized 2 August 1885* by Father J.B. Zigrang, the priest serving the mother parish at St. Joseph. It is likely Joseph was baptized closer to West Bend, probably in a home, when the priest made a mission visit, but this is only assumed, not proven. Martin Bonstetter and Margaret Schaller were his sponsors. This piece of information adds a new mystery to an already surprising change in date of birth. Martin Bonstetter was, of course, his uncle by marriage, the husband of his father's sister, Elizabeth Bonstetter. Martin and Elizabeth lived just south across the field from the Schallers in section twenty-two, and they were sponsors for Joseph and Anna's first two children. But who is Margaret Schaller? In all the years of research done by this writer, the name of Margaret Schaller, at this particular time period, has never surfaced. In trying to determine who Margaret might be, different possibilities were explored, and they are presented here.

1. In copying the material from the records in 1991, the present priest in St. Joseph made an error in copying the name, but it seems doubtful he would copy a first and last name incorrectly.
2. Margaret Schaller was an unknown single sister of Joseph Schaller, father of the Joseph Henry Schaller being baptized. Records gathered thus far from Schilligkau do not verify this theory.
3. Margaret Schaller was the wife of an unknown brother of Joseph Schaller, father of the Joseph Henry Schaller being baptized. Records do not verify this, either.
4. Margaret Schaller was a cousin or wife of a Schaller cousin who lived in an area away from West Bend.

If Margaret Schaller was a blood relative or spouse of a blood relative, she never surfaced again. It's possible her name would appear again as a sponsor if the baptism records of every Schaller

and Fehlhauer child born near West Bend, Iowa, could be found, which is at least thirteen baptisms. (Three have been found.) But it must be kept in mind that at least four parishes would need to be contacted to find these baptisms. Even discounting the financial burdens incurred by requesting these searches, the busy schedules of present-day priests often make requests for numerous searches of non-indexed parish registers unreasonable. To conclude, Joseph Henry Schaller's female sponsor was Margaret Schaller, but her relationship to the Schaller family has not been determined. Her presence adds just another tantalizing mystery.

Joseph Henry Schaller shared the same given name as his father. For the remainder of his story, he will be referred to as Joe, the name by which he was known. This is done to distinguish him from his father, Joseph Schaller, whose middle name, if any, is unknown.

When Joe Schaller was born, he joined a brother (Martin) who was three years old, and a sister (Lizzie) who was almost two. His father was forty-six years old and his mother a month short of her twentieth birthday when Joe was born. The family was established on the land Joseph had chosen to homestead about 1874. Joe grew up on section twenty-two east of West Bend, participating in all the heavy work required to develop a family farm in Iowa in the late 1800s. He attended school, probably at the country school a mile west of the Schaller farm. Going to school and getting an education was not considered as important in a farming community a hundred years ago as it is in our society today. Because getting the farm crops in or out was regarded as more critical than attending school, there were some months out of the school year that classes were not even in session. If it was open nine months out of the year, attendance was slim in the spring and fall. One of Joe's sons related that Joe didn't actually go through grades, but rather progressed in school according to readers. He went through the fourth reader, then discontinued his formal education.⁴⁶ He learned higher math when he ran his own threshing machine and crew. Even though his formal education was minimal, it is obvious from all the papers he saved and from the business deals he transacted that Joe was a perceptive and intelligent man.

At some point, Joe received some special instruction in the Catholic faith in preparation for his First Holy Communion which he made on 1 July 1900.*⁴⁷ The Catholic school at West Bend was established under the direction of Father Paul Dobberstein in the spring of 1899, with the first day of class being 16 October 1899.⁴⁸ Both Joe and his sister, Lizzie, were in the second class of communicants from the new parish.

About a month and a half before Joe's twelfth birthday, his father died on 13 May 1897.* This must have been a traumatic experience for young Joe and his siblings, even though he and his family were aware that Joseph was dying of tuberculosis for a long time. Whatever impression it made on Joe, he did not share it with any of the children he eventually had. He did, however, share a few stories with his son, Ernie. Ernie, in turn, shared these stories with the author. One experience with his father, that of

being lost in a snowstorm, must have made an great impact on him. Joe was a young boy, perhaps eight to ten years old. The time would have been about 1893 to 1895. He and his father had taken a team and wagon to Bode on business. Returning from Bode to their farm took them in a northeasterly direction. A fierce snowstorm hit. Joseph and his son became blinded by the driving snow, disoriented, and lost. Finally, they spotted a light coming from a set of farm buildings. The horses were refusing to go forward and were, instead, trying to turn their backsides to the wind. According to the story, Joe was left with the team, and his father walked toward the light which was the Moser farm southwest of the Schaller place. Somehow, Joseph returned to Joe and the team of horses, and they made it home. Both the teller and writer of this story questioned the wisdom of leaving a young boy alone in a snowstorm. Since all the incidentals and subtleties of the story are not known, it can only be assumed that portions of the full story are missing and that the father was doing what he thought best to save them both from possible death. Joe's father also told him that their first crop, circa 1875, was carried out of the fields in a few gunny sacks. Those first years must have been lean, indeed. By the time Joseph died, he probably considered himself a wealthy man when he looked back on the meager yield of his first crop compared to those in the 1890s.

Information concerning the seven or eight years following Joe's father's death is a bit sketchy. Times were hard for widow Anna and her six living children. Who did the farming isn't clear. Perhaps she hired a farmhand or rented out the land, since Martin and Joe were too young to take over total operation of the farm. It is known Joe worked out for area farmers after his father died, but the years are not known. One winter he worked for Roy Hayes hauling frozen manure out to the fields. His pay was tobacco and his board. When he was about seventeen, he bought a pocket watch with wages he earned working for the same farmer. This pocket watch is still in the family.

Salvaged papers and receipts show that by 1904 Joe was conducting some business on his own. He was then eighteen years old. On 19 March 1904 he borrowed \$5.00 from the West Bend Savings Bank. On 15 December 1904 he borrowed \$106.50 from Joseph Illig. On 20 February 1905 he borrowed \$224 from his friend, Will Ruch, at eight percent interest. His mother was co-signer for this loan.

Sometime during this time period when Joe was a young man but not yet married, he and a neighbor, Toefiel (or Tofil) Zaugg had a business together of baling prairie hay in the winter, hauling it to town, and shipping it by train to larger cities. Joe must have made money doing this, for he referred to the hay press as his "gold machine." Years later, Joe showed his gold machine to his son, Ernie. It was setting in a field, overgrown with weeds. The continued loss of virgin prairie grass undoubtedly put an end to this once profitable venture.

Joe Schaller also had a threshing machine and crew and bought a stud horse. In one of his small pocket ledgers, he kept track of the owners of the mares that were bred. In a letter written by

Will Ruch to Joe on 16 October 1908, Will teases, "Well, well you mean business! A stud hose man and a thrasher man my but you mist be making money guess I will come back to Iowa and try to make some to" (See photo #43.)

It might appear that Joe Schaller had time only for work, but a closer look proves otherwise. Though he was a hardworking young man, he also took time to enjoy himself. He played baseball, went to dances, played cards, courted girls, and visited his cousins in eastern Iowa. All this was culled from old letters he saved that were written to him by his friends and relatives from 1905 to 1910. The writers of these letters included these relatives: Lizzie Stattelmann, George Schaller, Ed Schaller, Andy Siegel, Andy Duschner, Anna Siegel, Lizzie Duschner, Joe Duschner, Carl Garrett, and Susie Koeller. His friends that wrote him were: Will Ruch, Henry Ruch, Joe Stattelmann, and Ed Stattelmann. Almost every letter stated in some fashion that the letter being written was in response to Joe's earlier letter. So Joe did make a decided effort to keep in contact with his friends and family who lived at a distance.

Although not stated directly, Joe's February 1908 trip by train to eastern Iowa must have been a highlight of his young bachelor life. First he visited his cousins near Earlville and Dyersville. (In reality, the young people his age were his first cousins, once-removed.) They went to dances, courted the ladies, had their photos taken, drank beer, and generally had a good time. Evidently there even was a fight, as one cousin came home from a night on the town with a swollen eye! Joe must have been having such a good time that he ran out of money. He had the West Bend Savings Bank send him \$15 in care of the Siegels in Dyersville. Leaving Earlville and Dyersville, he traveled to Wheaton, Illinois, to visit the Stattelmann and Ruch families.

Joe's descendants might enjoy knowing that their dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa didn't lack for attention from the ladies. Humorous comments made in letters relate that some of the girls wondered when Joe Schaller was coming again. One comment even got as specific as naming the young lady who must have been considered his girlfriend. "Well Joe I will have to tell you some news what do you think your old girl left for California Anna Summers."⁴⁹

But the young lady who managed to attract Joe Schaller for a lifetime was a local girl named Elizabeth Von Bank, known all her life as Lizzie. In 1970 this writer questioned her grandmother, Elizabeth Schaller, to learn how she and Joe Schaller met. When she responded, her face revealed as much as her words. Even at age eighty-three, there was no mistaking the love she had for her husband. Years fell from her face as she reminisced, and her brown eyes, dimmed by glaucoma, sparkled with animation as she told how she met her future husband. She was visiting her married sister, Mrs. Mary Origer, who lived not far from Elizabeth and her parents, John and Veronica Von Bank. Joe Schaller stopped to visit the Origers because John Origer and Joe Schaller were acquainted with one another. Lizzie and Joe met there and learned to know each other. Joe would use his team of ponies to take Lizzie and her

unmarried sister, Rosa, to dances. Romance blossomed, and a love destined to last a lifetime was born.⁵⁰

Joseph Henry Schaller and Elizabeth Von Bank were married on 24 May 1910* at St. Joseph Church in the tiny unincorporated village in Kossuth County known as St. Joe. The marriage ceremony was officiated by Father Matthew Ruemmele. (See photo #44) In those days, a wedding was a major social event, often lasting into the second day. The dance was the high point for the invited guests as evidenced by comments made by friends in letters to Joe. Beer had always been a part of the German-Bohemian culture, and it flowed freely at weddings. Joe and Lizzie had a large wedding. A group photo shows about sixty-five people gathered near a huge tent on the John Von Bank farm. Since there weren't as many women on the photo as there were men, it might be assumed the women were in the house preparing food for the crowd. Recognizable on the photo are the bridal couple; their attendants; Joe's mother, brothers, and sister, Mary; Lizzie's parents; and a host of friends and neighbors. Many years later, Lizzie shared a few details of the wedding. Joe took a team and wagon to Emmetsburg to get the kegs of beer. Lizzie's wedding dress was made by Anna Kayser, a well-known dressmaker from St. Joe. Over the years, Lizzie cut up her dress and used the fabric to make dresses for her daughters. On the evening of her wedding, she wore a green silk dress, a piece of which still exists. She bought shoes in Bode that were dyed green to match the dress. In her words, she was "the talk of Bode." She received her first car ride on her wedding day. The band was from Cylinder, and they gave the newly married couple a ride in their open touring car. A cousin of Joe Schaller's on his mother's side, Andy Weinzetl, said he was at their wedding.⁵¹ He distinctly remembered Lizzie's dad (John Von Bank) jumping on the back of the departing car that held the wedding couple. One wonders: was he that worried about his innocent daughter or was he simply feeling the effect of a few too many beers!

Joe, who already had been living as a bachelor on the home farm, was joined by his new bride. They set up housekeeping in the small, house built by Joe's father sometime after 1874. It was soon filled to the rafters with Joe and Lizzie's children born about every other year. Their first child, Martin, was stillborn after a long and difficult labor. The doctor told Lizzie she probably would never have more children. How fortunate he was proved wrong. They had eleven more children. The twelve children of Joe and Lizzie Schaller were: Martin stillborn in 1913; Ernest born 1914; Florence born 1915; Angela born 1917; Mildred born 1918; Loretta born 1920; James born 1921; Joseph born 1923; Hilda born 1925; Donald born 1926; Eileen born 1927; and Lloyd born 1929. At the time of this writing, Martin, James, Loretta, Eileen and Lloyd have passed away.

The Schaller's first house was small for such a large family, but they didn't give it much thought. (See photo #33.) Many other families in the area lived in similar simple homes. Their house was in the shape of the letter L. The one story portion was built first, and it had six-over-six window panes. This portion was the

kitchen, and the only outside door of the house opened into this room. The other portion of the L contained a parlor and one bedroom downstairs; upstairs there were two bedrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls. There was a cellar beneath part of the house entered from outside by lifting two trap doors close to the ground.

It was always Elizabeth Schaller's dream to build a new home and move out of the little, old house she once referred to as a shack. When her mother, Veronica Von Bank died in 1918, it was her intention to use her sizeable inheritance to make her dream come true. She would have to wait another nineteen years, however, before she would get her new house. The money was used, instead, to help pay for the Faschtor farm which she and Joe bought in 1921. In 1937 a new home was finally completed, a large, two story frame house with adequate space for her large family. (See photo #55.)

Joe and Lizzie Schaller eventually became the owners of three farms. Some mortgage agreements exist that show when Joe got loans to buy some of the land, but they do not explain all his transactions. In 1911, the year after their mother died, Joe and his brother George leased the home place and paid the other brothers and sisters cash rent. In 1913 the brothers and sisters must have reached a new agreement, for Joe Schaller paid each of them \$1,506 on 3 July 1913 for "my share of the home farm." Mary, John, and Ed each signed their own receipt. It is assumed Lizzie Stattelmann and George also received a share, but those receipts are not among the others. This, then, is how Joe came into possession of the family farm in section twenty-two of Garfield Township in Kossuth County, Iowa. This did not, however, include what was later called "The Faschtor Place." On 4 November 1916* Joseph H. Schaller bought from Frank C. Murray of Minneapolis, Minnesota, 160 acres for \$26,400 with a loan from the Union State Bank in West Bend. Payments came due at different times in different amounts, and the interest ranged from five to five and a half percent. This was the farm northeast of West Bend: the southeast quarter of section thirty-two in Whittemore Township in Kossuth County, Iowa. At some point, Joe sold this land to a Benninger; but when hard times hit, he was not able to hold it, and the place went back to Joe with an added ditch tax. This may have been about 1922 because a letter dated 8 August 1922 from a lawyer in Algona to Joe stated, "Find enclosed County Warrant for \$140 in payment of difference in the drainage." The mortgage was finally released on 1 November 1940.* In 1921 Joe and Lizzie bought 120 acres known as the Faschtor Place. There is evidence to support the conclusion that Joe borrowed money from the Sisters of St. Francis in Dubuque to buy this land, and the money was that which was inherited by Sister Ursuline, Lizzie's sister, from her mother's estate. From June of 1922 to 23 July 1942 he paid interest on this loan from the Sisters of St. Francis, but the amount of the loan or when it was fully repaid is unknown. Decades later, Joe bought a farm near Emmetsburg, Iowa, acres and cost unknown to the author.

It is interesting to note that Joe and Lizzie actually had a surprising number of loans in their early years of marriage. All

the background of these loans are not fully known, and there could be more involved than is stated here. The information given here was gleaned from the papers Joe saved. What is known for certain is that the Schaller family worked very hard for many years to pay off the mortgages on these farms. They were very frugal and went without things other families took for granted. However, in the end, Joe and Lizzie had a comfortable retirement, and their children inherited the money their parents accumulated by owning these farms.

Over the years, the Joe Schaller family had their share of illnesses, but relatively few accidents for such a large family. However, Joe was involved in one serious accident, and it was witnessed by his son, Ernie. The incident took place approximately 1920 or 1921 when Ernie was about six or seven years old. Joe had rented some timothy hay ground from Levi Zaugg, neighbors to the east. The hay was cut, and Joe and Ernie were there to rake it with a dump rake. The feisty nature of one of the mares of the team caused the tongue to break. Joe fell onto the evener, the apparatus onto which the horses' tugs were hooked. The horses ran around and around the field. Finally Joe fell off, and just then the dump teeth picked up and let him through. Although quite seriously injured, he was able to tell Ernie to bring him the jug of water and then run to the neighbors for help. The Kischs came with an open touring car. He was in bed quite awhile recovering from the injuries he sustained.

In 1929 Joe was quarantined for twenty-eight days in the Faschtor house for smallpox. His aunt, Mrs. Bonstetter, died at this time, but he was unable to go to her funeral. About 1927 Ernie had both mumps and diphtheria. He was quarantined for the diphtheria for twenty-eight days, again in the Faschtor house. Food was brought to both Joe and Ernie by the family and set on a window sill of the house. Scarlet fever was another feared childhood illness, and Millie was afflicted with it in 1934 at the age of sixteen.

Through the decades of the thirties and forties, Joe and Lizzie's family of small children grew up and began to leave home. They married, joined the religious life (Angela), found jobs, and entered the United States Army. All five of the Schaller brothers--Ernie, Jimmy, Joseph, Donnie, and Lloyd--served in the Army during or shortly after World War II. Ernie served in New Guinea and the Philippines, saw much action, and received the Purple Heart when wounded on the island of Morotai. In December of 1944 Jimmy was at Camp Hood, Texas; in June of 1945 somewhere in the Philippines; and in September of 1945 in Yokohama, Japan. By June of 1946, Jimmy was somewhere in Germany guarding a bridge over the Rhine River. In August of 1946 he was in Wetzlar, Germany, north of Frankfurt. Joseph spent 1945 and 1946 in Japan and the Philippines. He was aboard a ship in the South Pacific when the war ended. He was several different places, but spent most of his time in Cebu and Luzon, both in the Philippines, and Hokkaido in Japan. It was here, in the city of Sapporo, that Joseph ran into Joe Heiderscheidt of Morgan, Minnesota, his second cousin. Donnie

was in Japan from 1946 to 1947 and saw the destruction caused by the atomic bombs dropped by the Americans on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Lloyd was in Germany. It was while he was stationed in Germany that Lloyd met his future wife, Anna Marie Meier.

With their children's marriages came grandchildren for Joe and Lizzie. They had twenty-nine; their first, Arla Jean Faber, died in 1942 at age five-and-a-half. The other twenty-eight are all living in 1992, and some of these grandchildren now have grandchildren of their own.

On 8 December 1952, the Schallers moved to the town of West Bend. Lizzie recorded this date in her little address book. Joe had been on the farm from his birth in 1885 up to the time he moved to town, a total of sixty-seven years. Some of the married children of Joe and Lizzie lived on his farms at different times. Joe continued to visit his farms close to West Bend, doing chores and odd jobs. Once he fell out of the haymow in the barn on the farm northeast of town. Their home in town was the house built in 1900 by Mrs. Bonstetter. After some remodeling was done, it remained their home for almost twenty years. Lizzie always had a large vegetable garden and grew many flowers around her house. She also devised an ingenious way to decorate the borders of her flower gardens and use old odds and ends at the same time. She poured cement about two inches deep into old coffee cans and imbedded small, unused, but pretty articles in the cement. The cans were discarded, and the round pieces that remained displayed marbles, buckles, buttons, broken glass, religious medals, and jewelry.

Late in life, Joe Schaller developed diabetes. He loved his jar of candy, and it proved difficult for him to give up sweets. His grandchildren, likewise, loved the jar of candy that sat in the same spot in the cupboard. Joe's health declined gradually, and he was admitted to the hospital. He died in the hospital in Emmetsburg, Iowa, on 25 January 1970.* He had reached the age of eighty-four years, six months, and twenty-eight days (calculating his birth as 28 June 1885 rather than 27 June 1885.) His death certificate stated cause of death as cerebro-vascular accident, in layman terms, a stroke. His doctor told the family that his body had simply worn out. Joseph Henry Schaller was buried 28 January 1970* in the Catholic cemetery in West Bend.

Lizzie (Von Bank) Schaller lived seven years longer than her husband. She remained in her home for several years with the help of her family before she entered the nursing home in West Bend in 1975. Lizzie died in the hospital in Emmetsburg on 9 January 1977.* Her death certificate listed cause of death as pneumonia as a consequence of cerebro-vascular accident. She had reached the age of eighty-nine years and three months. She was buried on 12 January 1977* beside her husband of fifty-seven years.



George SCHALLER

Son of Joseph Schaller and Anna Weinzetl
Husband of Susan MARNACH

George Schaller was the fourth child born to Joseph and Anna Schaller. He was born on 28 June 1887* on the home farm in Garfield Township, Kossuth County, Iowa. He, like all his brothers and sisters, grew up doing the chores and farm work, attending school, and attending church at Sts. Peter and Paul in West Bend. He received his First Holy Communion on 23 June 1901,* a week short of his fourteenth birthday, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

For a short time, George and his brother, Joe Schaller, farmed the home place together. The 1910 Federal Census revealed that George and Joe were living together on the farm and their sister, Mary, was keeping house for them. However, when their mother died in 1910 and Joe eventually bought the farm, George farmed elsewhere. In March of 1908 he made the train trip up to Clinton, Minnesota, with his married sister and husband, Elizabeth and Henry Stattelmann. He may have gone along just to help with the move, or he may have worked there awhile.⁵²

George married Susan Marnach on 21 January 1914.* Susan was the daughter of William Marnach and Anna Heiderscheidt, and she was born 26 June 1893. The Marnachs and Heiderscheidts were of Luxemburg descent and lived near West Bend.

George and Susan became parents of six children: Raymond, Margaret, Laura, Delmer, Laura, and Mary. George and Susan farmed near West Bend and near LuVerne, Iowa. When they retired, they made West Bend their home.

George died in the hospital in Emmetsburg, Iowa, on 1 December 1974 and was buried in the St. Joe Cemetery. Susan died on 9 March 1980 and was buried 12 March 1980 beside her husband.



John (Jack) SCHALLER
Son of Joseph SCHALLER and Anna WEINZETL



John Michael Schaller, known as Jack, was born 15 April 1890, He was born on the family farm by West Bend and was Joseph and Anna's fifth child. He worked on the family farm as a youngster. He was just eight years old when his father died in 1897. It has been recounted by relatives that before Jack moved to Minnesota, he helped dig the man-made lake at the famous Grotto in West Bend, Iowa. In March of 1908 he and his younger brother, Ed, went to Minnesota to work as farm hands in the area of Johnson in Big Stone County. Both stayed in this area the rest of their lives.

Jack never married. However, photos show him to have been a very handsome young man and not without interest in the ladies. In an early February 1910 letter, Ed wrote these interesting tidbits to his brother, Joe, in West Bend concerning their mutual brother, Jack:

You ought to see Jack now the old sport He
is maby going to work for Charles fredel
but I think he wont get the chance he wants
to work there because Minnie is working there
but I think we haf to cut him out he is over
there ever since Christmas he dont look at
us anymore because we roast hell out of him
every time we see him⁵³

Curious about who Minnie might be, this researcher turned to those faithful standbys, the census records. John Schaller was found living with Charles Friedel in Moonshine Township of Big Stone County in April of 1910. He was described as a hired man. Charles Friedel was a forty-two year old widower with three young children. Also living in the household was Minnie Poach, age twenty, single, a housekeeper, and the mother of one living child. That child was Ralph Poach, eleven months old, and born in Iowa. Later conversations with Stattelman relatives in Minnesota revealed they knew of her and that Jack was "sweet" on her; but the two never married. Minnie later married and moved to the state of Washington but kept in touch with the Stattelmans over the years. (See photo # 68.)

Jack Schaller, Ed Schaller, and their friends all had a good time in their carefree, younger days. Ed continued in his letter:

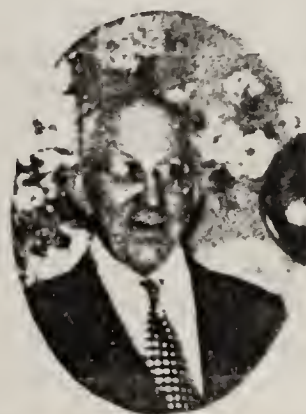
We had a few dances the last few weeks
and a pony [keg of beer] nearly every Sunday
Charley [Friedel??] he is quite a sport but Jack
is pretty tight we make him diffy up we are going
to have a Valantine dance before lent by
Farleys it is going to be a maskarade

On 27 August 1917, Jack entered the United States Army and stayed until the spring of 1918. He then returned to the Clinton/Johnson, Minnesota, area where he farmed near his sister and her family, the Henry Stattelmans. In later years, he pursued the carpentry trade.

When Edwin and Joe Stattelmann were teenagers, they would often pick up Uncle Jack and walk to Clinton to shoot pool. One night while walking to town, a very bright flash of light appeared between them. Jack thought someone lit a match, but no one had. They couldn't explain what caused this, but Jack made the statement that he felt that something significant or terrible had happened. Later, Jack learned his sister's husband, James Hooper, had been killed in a car accident in Indianapolis about the same time as the flash of light.

As he grew older and was unable to continue carpentry, Jack bought a trailer house, lived by himself, and took care of his own needs. Still later, he moved the trailer to the farm of his niece and her son, Mary and George Goodhart. He helped Mary run a tavern, took his sister, Lizzie to the doctor, mowed the lawn, and took care of a big garden.⁵⁴

In December of 1971 Jack became ill, and he was hospitalized in nearby Milbank, South Dakota. He died there on 10 January 1972. His body was placed in a mausoleum until the spring thaw. Then his body was transported to West Bend, Iowa, for burial in the West Bend Catholic Cemetery.



Edward Anthony SCHALLER
Son of Joseph SCHALLER and Anna WEINZETL
Husband of Rose LARSON

Edward Anthony Schaller, the sixth child of Joseph and Anna Schaller, was born 5 July 1891 at his parent's farm near West Bend, Iowa. He joined a family of four brothers and one sister. He was only five years old when his father died in 1897. He helped with the farm work while the family still lived on the Garfield Township farm. He was about nine years old when his mother moved from the farm into a house in West Bend. (See photo #34.)

Ed moved from Iowa to the area of Johnson, Minnesota, in 1908

with his brother, Jack. His married sister, Lizzie Stattelmann and her family had moved there in March of 1908. In April of 1910 the census showed him living with his sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Henry Stattelmann, in Big Stone County, Minnesota. He was described as a "partner" on the farm. After working for several other farmers, he and Jack rented a farm together.

In his younger days, Ed was known as a good baseball player, and a wonderful old photo exists of Ed and his teammates from Johnson area who played together on the Moonshine Township Team. (See photo #73.) Ed was a catcher.

Unlike his brother, Jack, Ed would not remain a bachelor. He met a young girl named Rose Marie Larson while she was working at a hotel in Johnson. She was born 17 March 1894 at Clinton, Minnesota, to Carl August Larson and Louisa Anna Anderson. According to records at the Big Stone County Courthouse, Ed and Rose were married 15 February 1916* at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville, Minnesota. (See photo #70.) After Ed and Rose's marriage, they went to Iowa and stayed for a month with Ed's brother, Joe Schaller, of West Bend. Rose Schaller often recollected how she got to help milk cows during her honeymoon.

Ed and Rose returned to the farm Ed had been renting in section twenty-eight of Moonshine Township, called the Paul Hager farm. They continued farming it for the next fifty-eight years.⁵⁵ The farmstead was recently bulldozed and only the memories remain.

Ed and Rose had one son, Francis Leonard, born on 28 December 1917.* He was known as Leonard. During World War II, he served in the Army and was wounded in action at Anzio, Italy. He married Meredith Johnson of Graceville on 22 June 1944 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while still in the Army. Meredith was born 17 June 1917 to Ralph Johnson and Evelyn Williams. After returning from the service, Leonard and Meredith bought a farm three miles from his parents. He helped his parents farm until his parents retired in 1973. Leonard and Meredith had no children and died in 1990 and 1991, respectively.

Ed displayed the classic, easygoing personality that seemed to characterize many of his brothers and sisters. He seemed to always have a smile on his face and didn't get overly-excited about anything. His nephews and nieces recall Ed's fondness for spirited horses. Ed also had a motorcycle. Ed's nephew, Joe Stattelmann, remembers riding on the motorcycle handlebars as Ed drove the gravel roads in record time to Johnson to buy a pair of shoelaces.

After a remarkably long farming career, Ed and Rose Schaller moved into an apartment in Ortonville, Minnesota, in 1973. Both were much loved by their Minnesota and Iowa relatives. Joe Schaller made trips from West Bend to see his Minnesota brothers. In later years, after Joe Schaller's death, Ed and Rose's nieces from Iowa regularly visited them. Ed and Rose had close family ties to Ed's brother, Jack, and Ed's sister, Lizzie and her family.

Ed died on 9 November 1979 at Ortonville and was buried at the Clinton Cemetery on 12 November. Rose died 12 November 1985 at Graceville. She was buried 15 November beside her husband.



Mary Anna SCHALLER

Daughter of Joseph SCHALLER and Anna WEINZETL
Wife of James Andrew HOOPER

Mary Anna Schaller, the seventh and last child of Joseph and Anna Schaller, was born 28 September 1894 on the family farm according to family records. However, Anna's father recorded her birth in his account book as 29 September 1894. Perhaps he recorded the event the day after it happened, but this is uncertain. Her baptismal date and place are unknown.

Mary was only two years and seven months old when her father died, so she would have retained no memories of him. In the only picture of the Schaller family known to exist, Mary, just a little girl, is clutching the hands of both her mother and her older sister, Lizzie. (See photo #29.) Her father must have died very shortly before or after the photo was taken. Mary grew up both on the home farm and in the town of West Bend. In the 1900 census, she was living with her mother, brothers, and sisters on the land her father took as a homestead. In 1910 she was keeping house on the farm for her bachelor brothers, Joseph H. and George. At that time she was sixteen years old.

Since Mary was the last in order of birth, she may have had more opportunities to have photos taken of her as a young girl because several of them exist. It seems likely that her cousin, Charlie Faschtor, was the photographer. In four other photos, she is with unidentified young girls. Perhaps they were her cousins from eastern Iowa, or maybe they were just friends. So far, no one in the extended family is able to identify the mystery girls. (See photos #77, #79, #80, #82.) In the one photo of Mary by herself, she is wearing a lovely white lace dress. Perhaps she sewed it herself with the skills she learned as a young girl at home. (See photo #78.) In some photos, she is wearing fashionable, fancy hats. (See photos #81, #82.)

Some of Mary's nieces believe that, at some point, Mary was working at a hotel in West Bend. Perhaps it was here that she met her future husband, but this is uncertain. On 22 May 1915* Mary Schaller married James Andrew Hooper in Detroit, Michigan. For a period of time, James worked for the Dodge factory delivering cars. About 1920 the family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. For about a year, he worked in his father's restaurant and then drove a cab for the Diamond Cab Company and the Union Cab Company.

Mary and James had four children: Eugene, Mildred, Mabel, and Joann. Mildred died at the age of two. Mary and James lived most

of their short married life in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mary was widowed when still a young woman. James Hooper died on 9 March 1928 as a result of a car accident. He was killed late at night when his cab was hit on Central Avenue by a car that was traveling at a high rate of speed while being pursued by the police. James was the only one killed. The driver of the car was never found. Mary had two children, Gene and Mabel, and was pregnant with her last child when her husband was killed.

Mary worked very hard to raise her three living children. She took in laundry, cared for other people's children, and helped cook noon meals for a woman who fed workers from the Eli Lilly Company. Gene was only eleven years old when his father died, but he began to work to help support the family. A man who lived very near where Gene's father was killed owned a grocery store in another part of town. He gave Gene a job in his store sacking potatoes and doing other odd jobs. As the children grew older, they all worked. The children agree they could not have had a better mother. There is a parallel between Mary and her own mother, Anna Schaller. Both were left young widows with children, and both lovingly raised those children by the sweat of their brows.

Although Mary and her children lived several states away from their Iowa and Minnesota relatives, they kept in touch. Mary would visit in Iowa and Minnesota, and the relative would occasionally reciprocate. From a 1934 letter, it is known that Joe Schaller drove out to Indiana to see his sister after taking his daughter, Angela, back to the convent in Dubuque, Iowa. "Mr. Schaller surly is a nice man. He brought Angela in September then He and his son and a boy from West Bend went to Wheaton and Chicago and to Indiana to see his Sister Mary." (Letter from Sister Mary Augusta Stattelmann, 12 January 1934 to her brother Henry Stattelmann at Clinton, Minnesota.)

Mary also kept in contact with her Iowa family by means of letters. She had some interesting entries in a letter written 8 July 1968 to her sister-in-law, Lizzie Schaller.

...had some papers and old letters in them [boxes]. I've got the piece from the paper when mother was burned. Thanksgiving day and she died 16 days later near as I remember it was Dec. 10-1910. [She died 9 December 1910.] I think she was 49. but I don't remember when her birthday was. don't they have some kind of record of it at the church. she was close to 50 I know. her next Birthday. My note book says Lizzie Bonstetter died March 18, 1929. born Oct. 9 but I don't know what year or how old she was.

In her last years, Mary was in a retirement home. She died 23 January of 1991. She was buried 26 January in Carmel Cemetery, Carmel, Indiana.

Photos of
Joseph SCHALLER'S Family

- #29 The wife (Anna Weinzetl) and children of Joseph Schaller in front of their farm home near West Bend, Ia., ca. 1896-1898. John (Jack), George, Lizzie, Mary, Anna (mother), Ed, Martin, and Joe. No known photo of Joseph Schaller exists.
- #30 Gravestone of Joseph Schaller in the Catholic cemetery, West Bend, Ia. "Joseph Schaller Husband of Anna Schaller DIED May 13, 1897 AGED 57 yrs."
- #31 Same stone as #30 marking the grave of son, Martin. "Martin Schaller Died June 2, 1898 Aged 16 yrs."
- #32 Children of Joseph and Anna Schaller in 1960 at the 50th anniversary of Joe and Lizzie Schaller in West Bend. Mary Hooper, Ed, Jack, George, Joe, Lizzie Stattelmann.
- #33 The original Joseph Schaller house on the farm near West Bend built ca. 1880. Photo taken ca. 1935. Portion in foreground was built first.
- #34 Anna Schaller's home in the town of West Bend, one block south of the present Grotto. Photo taken ca. 1900. Written on original photo: "Ed's old home in Iowa before they fixed it." Anna Schaller-Yackley died in this house in 1910 after being severely burned.
- #35 Same house as #34, now owned by Mrs. Ferdinand Montag. Photo taken in 1990. To the right of this house was Mrs. Bonstetter's house, later owned by Joe and Lizzie Schaller.
- #36 Lizzie and Henry Stattelmann on their farm near Clinton, Mn., ca. 1920s.
- #37 Lizzie and Henry Stattelmann, their children and spouses, and their grandchildren, summer of 1947. Lizzie and Henry are in front row, second and third from the right.
- #38 The Schaller brothers and sisters, children of Joseph and Anna, celebrating Lizzie Stattelmann's 80th birthday in 1963 in Clinton, Mn. Jack, Mary Hooper, George, Joe, Lizzie Stattelmann, Ed.
- #39 Lizzie and Henry Stattelmann, ca. 1950s.

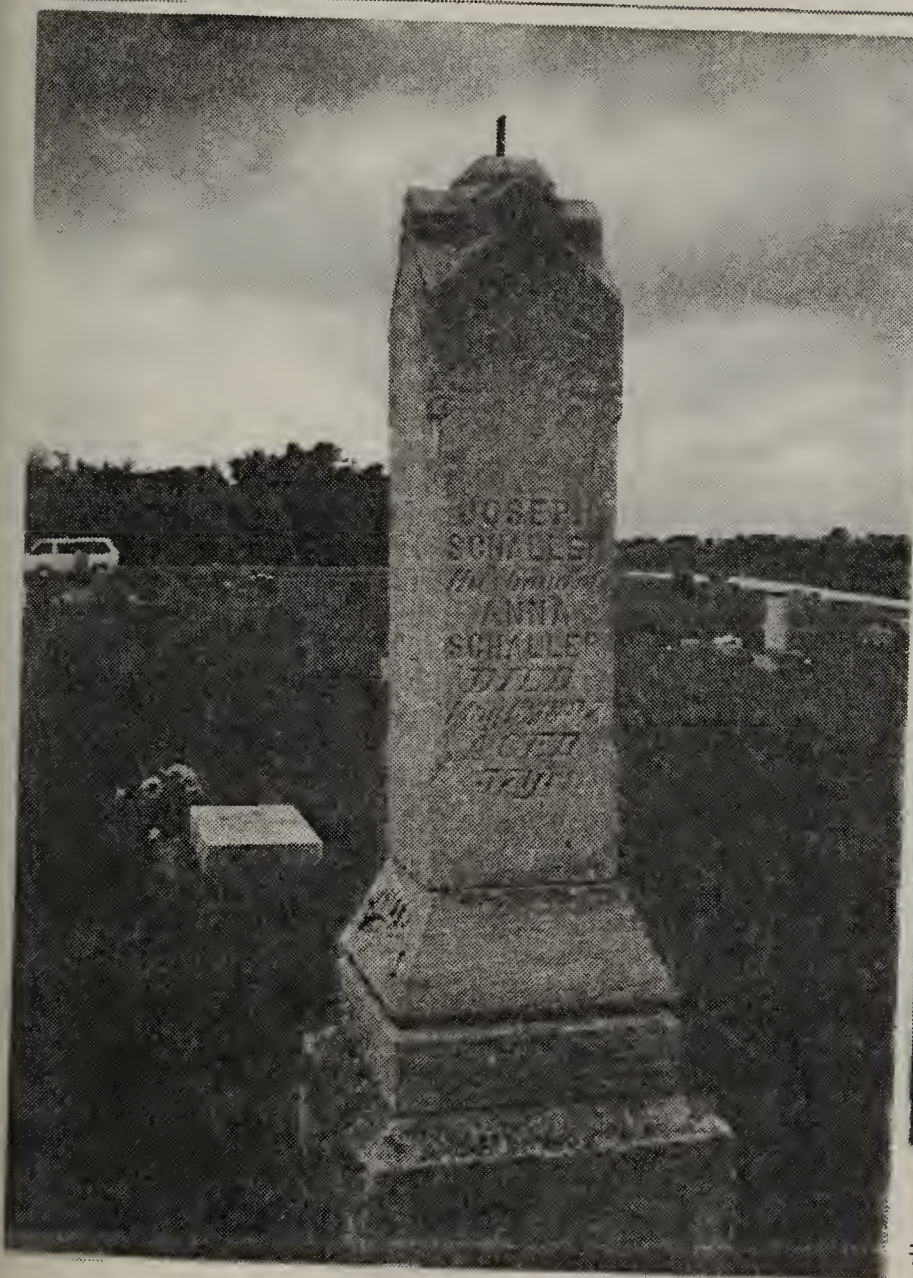
- #40 Ernie Schaller and Joe Stattelman (first cousins) at the dedication ceremonies of the German-Bohemian Monument in New Ulm, Mn., 20 July 1991.
- #41 Joe Schaller's First Communion, West Bend, Ia., 1900.
- #42 Joe Schaller, ca. 1905-1910.
- #43 Joe Schaller with one of his horses, ca. 1908.
- #44 Joe Schaller and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Von Bank wedding photo, 1910.
- #45 Joe and Lizzie Schaller with their two oldest children, Florence and Ernie, ca. 1916.
- #46 Joe and Lizzie Schaller's children, 1925. Back: Millie, Angela, Ernie. Front: Loretta, Jimmy, Joseph, Florence holding Hilda. Florence is wearing her First Communion dress.
- #47 Florence (Schaller) Faber-Behrends with her granddaughter, Marla Ellwanger, April 1986, on the occasion of Marla's First Communion. Marla is wearing her grandmother's First Communion dress which Florence wore in 1924.
- #48 Joe and Lizzie Schaller family, ca. 1938. Back: Loretta, Millie, Jimmy, Ernie, Florence, Hilda. Front: Joe, Eileen, Joseph, Sister La Salette, Lloyd, Donnie, Lizzie.
- #49 Joe and Lizzie Schaller family, ca. 1948. Back: Donnie, Ernie, Loretta, Sister La Salette, Hilda, Jimmy, Joseph. Front: Lloyd, Florence, Lizzie, Joe, Millie, Eileen.
- #50 Joe and Lizzie Schaller, April 1953, a year after they moved into house once owned by Elizabeth Bonstetter in West Bend.
- #51 Joe Schaller home in West Bend, photo taken 1986. House was built in 1900 by Mrs. Martin (Elizabeth) Bonstetter. To the left of this house is Mrs. Montag's house, once the home of Mrs. Anna Schaller-Yackley until her death in 1910.
- #52 Joe and Lizzie Schaller with their children on their 50th anniversary, 1960, in front of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in West Bend. Back: Loretta, Hilda, Millie, Lloyd, Jimmy, Sister La Salette, Ernie. Front: Donnie, Eileen, Joe, Lizzie, Florence, Joseph.

- #53 Lizzie and Joe Schaller with their daughter, Sister Angela (formerly Sister La Salette) on Mother's Day, 11 May 1969. Joe died eight months after this photo was taken.
- #54 Gravestone of Joe and Lizzie Schaller in Catholic cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
- #55 New home on the Joe Schaller farm near West Bend built in 1937. Photo taken 9 May 1938.
- #56 Same house as #55 after being moved northwest of Rutland, Ia., ca. 1977. Photo taken 26 July 1990. In front of their family home: sisters Millie Miller and Loretta Frideres.
- #57 Arla Jean and Rosella Faber in front of their grandparent's farm home near West Bend, September 1940. Arla Jean, who died 17 Jan 1942, is the only deceased grandchild of Joe and Lizzie Schaller.
- #58 Grandchildren of Joe and Lizzie Schaller, Christmas 1957, at their Grandma and Grandpa Schaller's home in West Bend. Back: Gloria, Melvin (Junior), Corene, Ronnie, Dwight, Danny, Glenn. Middle: Keith, Allan. Front: Cindy, Dorothy, Janice, Debbie, Carol.
- #59 The seven oldest grandchildren (excluding Arla Jean) of Joe and Lizzie Schaller at Call's Park, Algona, Ia., 4 July 1949. Back: Donna Mae Miller, Rosella and Kathleen Faber. Front: Gloria Faber, Corene Frideres, Melvin (Junior) Faber, Dwight Frideres.
- #60 George Schaller and Susan Marnach wedding photo, 1914.
- #61 George Schaller and his cousin, Charlie Faschtor, ca. 1910.
- #62 George Schaller, ca. 1905-1907.
- #63 George and Susie Schaller family, ca. 1917. Raymond, George, Margaret, Susie holding Laura.
- #64 Schaller brothers and sister at Clinton, Mn., ca. 1963. Back: Jack, Ed, Joe, George. Front: Lizzie Stattelmann.
- #65 George and Susie Schaller's gravestone in St. Joe, Ia., Catholic Cemetery.
- #66 Ed Schaller and Jack Schaller, brothers, ca. 1912.
- #67 Jack Schaller, Ed Schaller, unidentified.

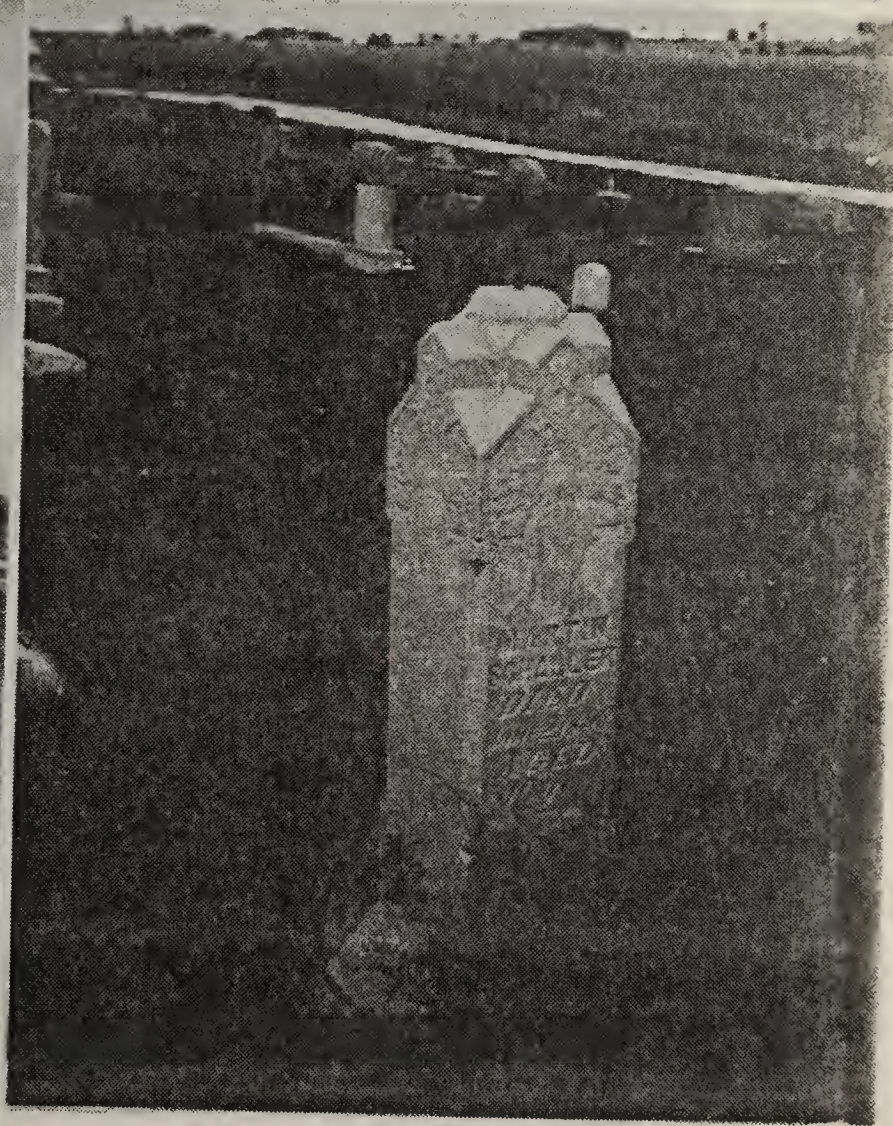
- #68 Jack Schaller and his friend, Minnie Poach, ca. 1920s to the 1930s.
- #69 Jack Schaller, ca. 1912.
- #70 Ed Schaller and Rose Larson wedding photo, 1916. Attendants: Jack Schaller and unidentified.
- #71 Ed Schaller and unidentified.
- #72 Ed Schaller, ca. 1910.
- #73 Moonshine Township Baseball Club (Johnson, Mn.), 1915. Ed Schaller in back, fifth from the left.
- #74 Ed and Rose Schaller, 50th anniversary, Ortonville, Mn., 1966.
- #75 Ed and Rose Schaller, 60th anniversary, 1976.
- #76 Leonard and Meredith Schaller, 1980. Leonard was Ed and Rose's only child.
- #77 Third from the left: Mary Schaller, daughter of Joseph and Anna Schaller, ca. 1906. Other girls unidentified but possibly her Siegel cousins.
- #78 Mary Schaller, ca. 1912.
- #79 Unidentified and Mary Schaller, ca. 1912.
- #80 Mary Schaller and unidentified, ca. 1912-1914.
- #81 Mary Schaller, ca. 1910-1912.
- #82 Unidentified and Mary Schaller, ca. 1910-1912.
- #83 Schaller brothers and sister. Back: Ed and Jack. Front: Mary.
- #84 Mary (Schaller) and James Hooper with their child at the grave of their daughter, Mildred, who died 31 Mar 1920, at age two.
- #85 Schaller sisters, Mary Hooper and Lizzie Stattelmann at Lizzie's 80th birthday, 1963.
- #86 Mary Hooper and her children on her 95th birthday, 24 Sept 1989. Mabel Miller, Gene Hooper, Mary, and JoAnn Hooper.
- #87 Mary (Schaller) Hooper on her 95th birthday, 24 Sept 1989.



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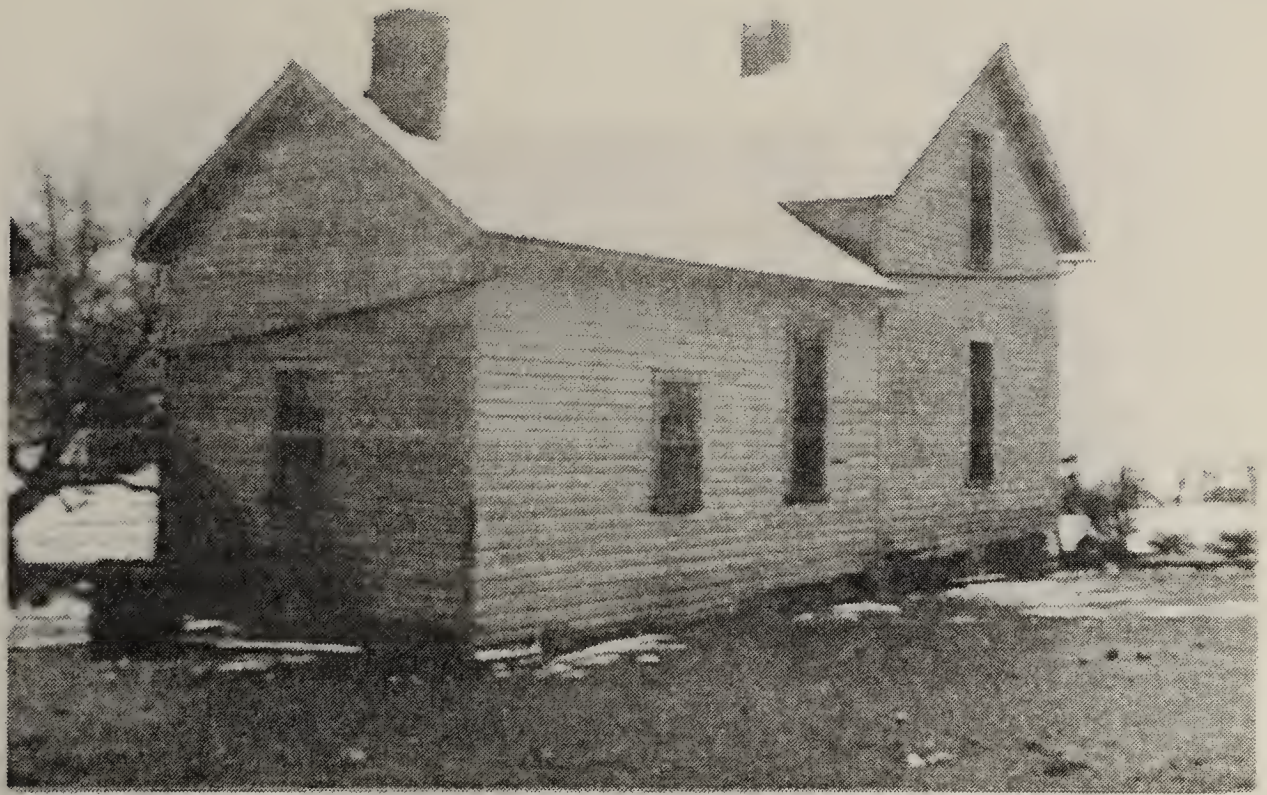


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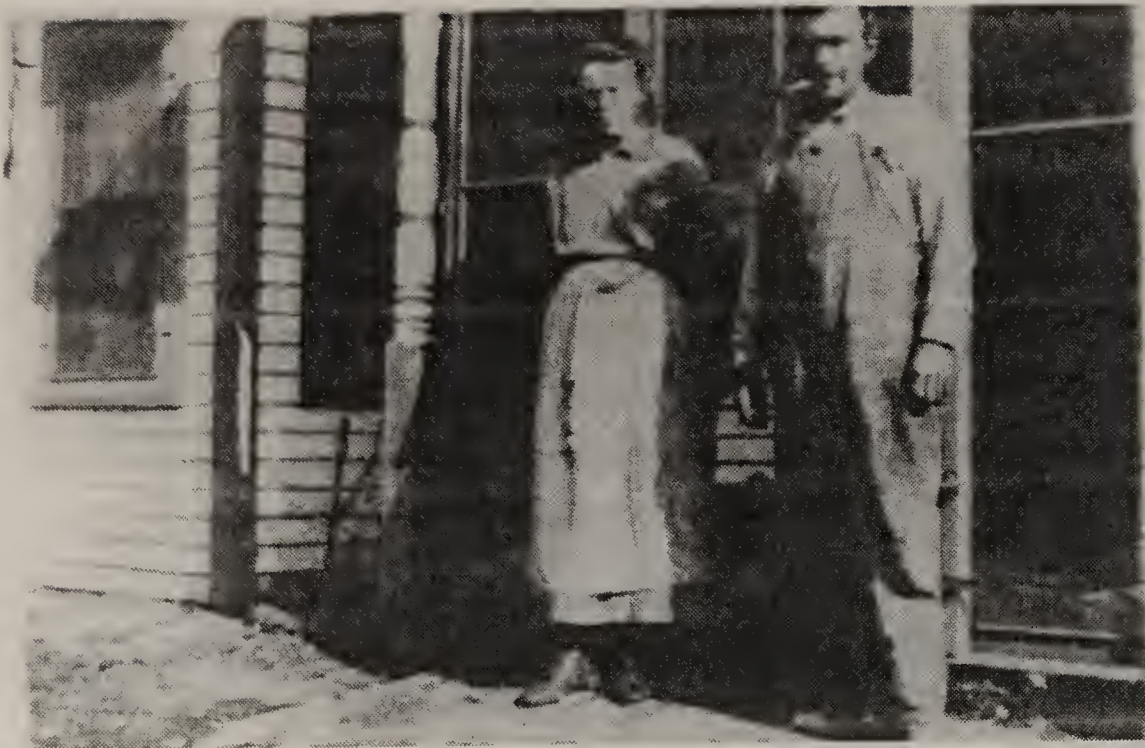


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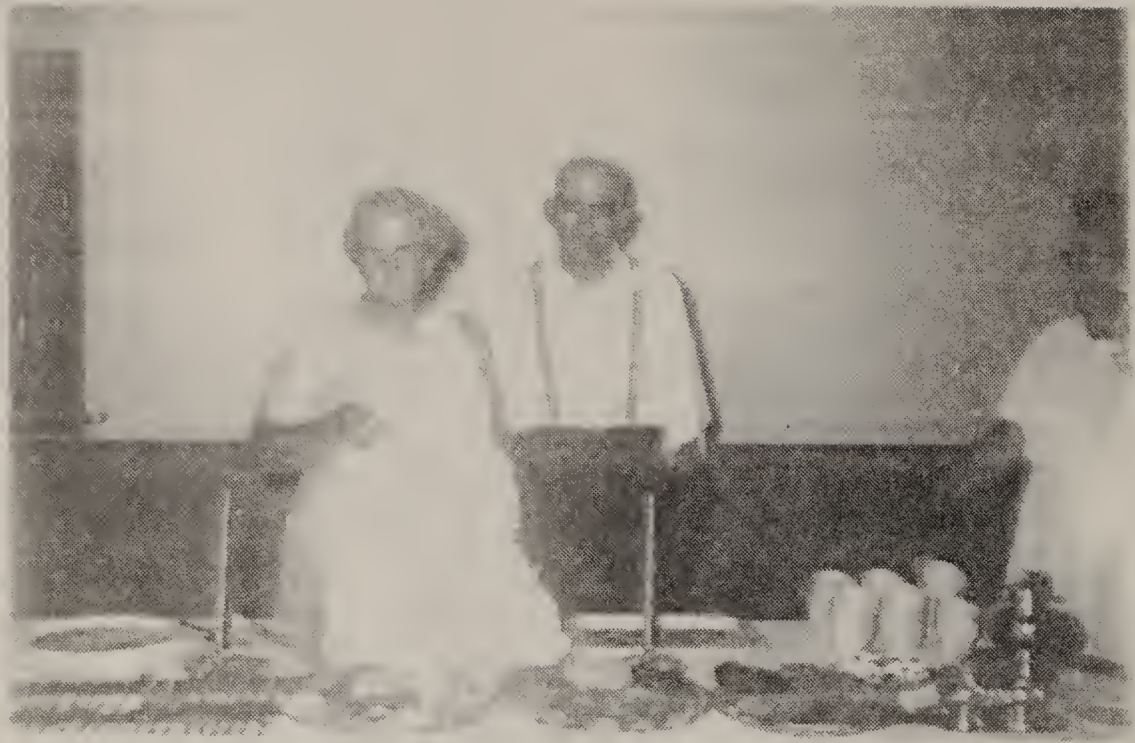
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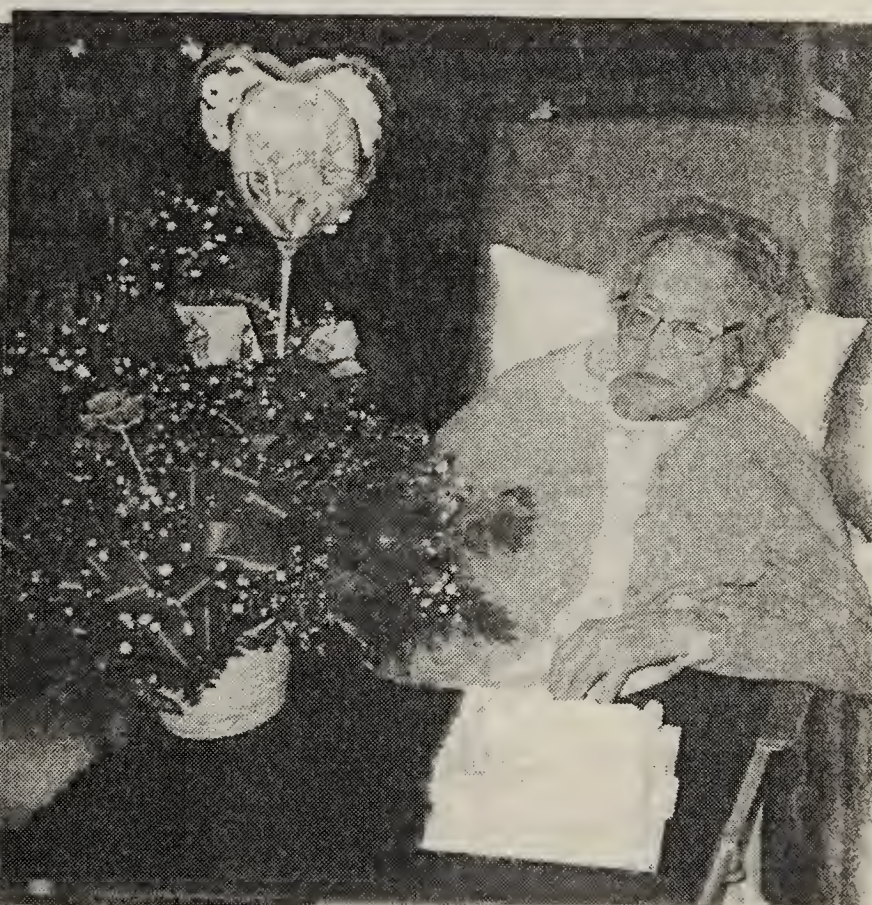


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United States of America.

State of Iowa, Webster County, ss:

Before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the District Court in and for said County, personally appeared
Joseph Schaller a native of *Austria*

and makes solemn oath that it is bona fide his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Power, Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly allegiance to *The Emperor of Austria* of whom he was heretofore a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *23* day of *August* 1871

Josef Schaller

Clerk District Court.

I,

Clerk of the District Court in and for said County, (a Court of

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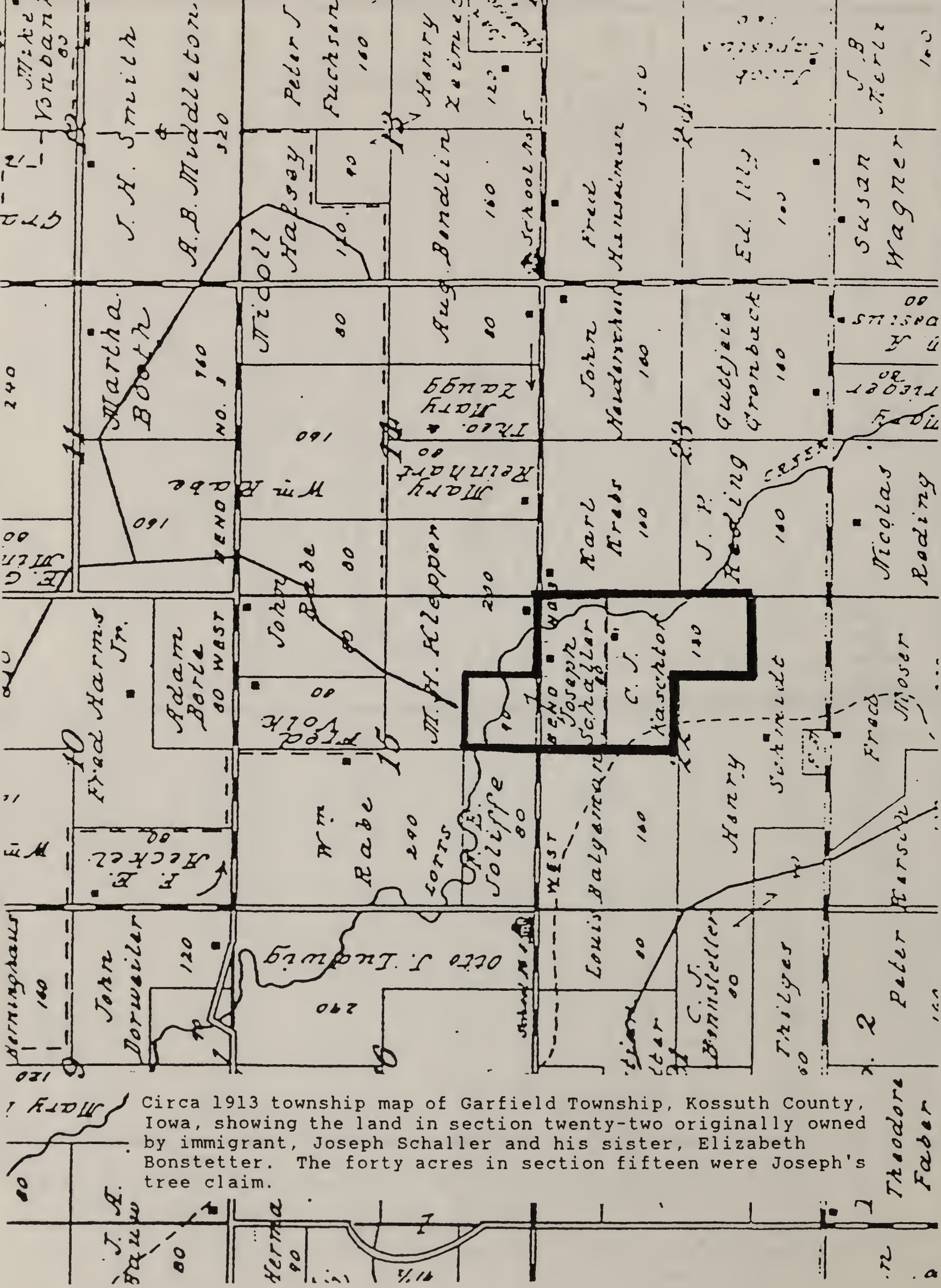
Record as appears on file now in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court

at my office in in said County, this

day of A. D. 18

Joseph Schaller's Declaration of Intent to become a citizen from the District Court of Webster County, Iowa: 23 August 1871. Note that Joseph signed his name "Josef Schaller."



Circa 1913 township map of Garfield Township, Kossuth County, Iowa, showing the land in section twenty-two originally owned by immigrant, Joseph Schaller and his sister, Elizabeth Bonstetter. The forty acres in section fifteen were Joseph's tree claim.

Theodore Faber

Homestead
Certificate
No. 1070.
Application
3319

United States
To

Joseph Schaller

Filed for Record Nov 22, 1880, at 4 P. M.

John Reed

Recorder

The United States of America, To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting
Whereas, There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Des Moines, Iowa, whereby it appears, that pursuant to the Act of Congress Approved 20th May, 1878, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Domain" and the Acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Joseph Schaller, has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law, for the North half of the North east-quarter of Section twenty-two, in Township ninety-four north of Range thirty-west, in the District of lands subject to sale at Des Moines Iowa containing eighty acres according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General: Now know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the United States unto the said Joseph Schaller the Tract of Land above

described To have and to hold, the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Joseph Schaller and to his heirs and assigns forever, In Testimony whereof, I Rutherford B. Hayes President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed, Given under my hand at the City of Washington the first day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fourth.

Seal of U.S.
Land Office

By the President, R. B. Hayes
By Wm H. Crook, Secretary

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Homestead Certificate No. 1070 from Land Deed Book 14 in the Kossuth County Courthouse, Algona, Iowa, showing Joseph Schaller's patent to the north half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-two in township ninety-four (Garfield) in Kossuth County, Iowa: 1 October 1879.

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	Uferwurm. Löffelwurm	
	Geflügel	1
22	Josef Gort für 1 Tag. Treffer	
	Tag. Pflügen und Lohnd. Lohnd	5
	Gewert. Pflüge	25
	8. Büchlein in Lohnd. Pflüge	
	Pflüge. Pflügen und Lohnd. Lohnd	25
	im. Aug. Gort. Aug. Pflügen	
	Geflügel	40
	im. Aug. Pflüge. Geflügel	70
	Gewert. Lohnd. Lohnd	13
26	Büchlein für die Milch	16 41
	und Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	
29	Büchlein ist im. eine *	
	Milch. Geflügel	
6	Oktober. Zücker	50
	4 Jun. Wirt. Pflügen	50
	6 -- Lohnd. Lohnd	75
	3. Pflügen	15
	im. Lohnd	35
	Don. G. Lohnd	40
	Zücker	25
	Lohnd	25
	im. Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	10
	5. Lohnd. Lohnd	75
	im. Lohnd	50

1894		End
6	Oktober. Wirt. Pflügen	75
	3. Pflügen	25
	im. Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	15
	14. Oktober. Lohnd. Lohnd	15
	17. Oktober. Lohnd. Lohnd	80
	Wirt. Pflügen	5
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	25
23	Geflügel. Lohnd	50
	Zücker. Lohnd. Lohnd	1
	im. Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	
	für Lohnd. Lohnd	1
	Wirt. Pflügen	1 75
	3. Pflügen	35
	Wirt. Pflügen. Lohnd	
	Zücker. Lohnd. Lohnd	40
	im. Lohnd	25
30	Oktober. Zücker	50
	Wirt. Lohnd	25
	Lohnd	25
	Lohnd. Lohnd	30
	Lohnd. Lohnd	15
	Zücker. Lohnd	2
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	40
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	32
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	25
30	Oktober. Lohnd. Lohnd	
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	3 95
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	20
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	1 90
3	November. Lohnd. Lohnd	
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	10
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	10
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	40
	Lohnd. Lohnd. Lohnd	22

Two pages from the account book of Joseph Schaller of West Bend, Iowa. He used old German script to write entries, using both German and English words. On line 23 of the left hand page Joseph recorded the birth of his daughter, Mary, on 29 September 1894. "29 September ist und ein Mädchen Geboren."

Joseph SCHALLER

Born: 8 May 1839 at Schilligkau, Bohemia.
Married: Anna WEINZETL (22 July 1865-9 Dec 1910 of burns) on
5 Sept 1881 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St.
Joseph, Ia.
Died: 13 May 1897 of tuberculosis on farm in Garfield
Twp., Kossuth County, Ia.
Buried: 15 May 1897 in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery,
West Bend, Ia.

- I. Martin SCHALLER b. 14 May 1882, Garfield Twp., Kossuth Co.,
Ia.
d. 2 June 1898, West Bend, Ia.
bur. Catholic cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
- II. Elizabeth (Lizzie) SCHALLER b. 3 Oct 1883, Garfield Twp.
m. Henry STATTELMAN (28 May 1874-9 Jan 1960) on 4 May 1901,
West Bend, Ia.
d. 5 May 1972, Graceville, Mn.
bur. Mound Cemetery, Ortonville, Mn.
ch: A. Mary Anna STATTELMAN b. 4 Jan 1902, West Bend, Ia.
m. George Edward GOODHART (3 July 1890-16 Feb
1952) on 25 Nov 1924, Ortonville, Mn.
d. 27 Aug 1991.
bur. Graceville, Mn.
ch: 1. Mary Anna GOODHART b. 27 Apr 1926,
Clinton, Mn.
d. 28 Apr 1926
bur.
2. Eva GOODHART b. 1 Mar 1927, Clinton, Mn.
m. Donald Edward NELSON (6 Dec 1924) on 8
Apr 1955.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Duane Alan NELSON b. 20 July
1965, Benson, Mn.
3. George Alois GOODHART b. 21 Nov 1929,
Clinton, Mn.
m. Helen Marie OLHOFT (31 Aug 1932)
on 25 Nov 1961.
d.
bur.
ch: a. George Brian GOODHART b. 25 Aug
1963, Sioux Falls, S.D.
m. Barbara Marie LUNDSFORD
(20 Nov 1963) on 12 Mar 1988.
ch: (1) Matthew Ryan LUNDSFORD
b. 21 May 1985,
Seattle, Wa.
(2) Jennifer Ann GOODHART

b. 23 May 1988,
 Milbank, S.D.
 (3) George Michael
 GOODHART b. 1 June
 1989, Watertown, S.D.
 (4) Christina Marie
 GOODHART b. 27 Feb
 1991, Watertown, S.D.
 b. Michael David GOODHART
 b. 9 Sept 1964, Chamberlain, S.D.
 c. Sandra Marie GOODHART
 b. 11 June 1972, Milbank, S.D.
 B. Rose Elizabeth STATTELMAN
 b. 9 Apr 1903, St. Joseph, Ia.
 m. Christian REIMERS (9 Mar 1906-11 Mar 1991)
 on 20 Sept 1928, Graceville, Mn.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: 1. Earl REIMERS b. 12 Mar 1929, Clinton, Mn.
 m. Caroline Jean RUTHERFORD (14 Dec 1934)
 on 16 Apr 1955, Ortonville, Mn.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. David Earl REIMERS b. 20 Mar
 1956, Ortonville, Mn.
 m. 1st Erna HEYNE 1974. Div. 1978.
 m. 2nd Crescencia LENDEZ, 1981.
 Div. 1985.
 m. 3rd Charita Napad CABALES
 (13 Jan 1965) in June 1989,
 Denver, Co.
 ch: (1) Jayson Christian
 REIMERS b. 21 Mar 1990.
 (2) Jenny Lynn REIMERS
 b. 31 Dec 1991, Tx.
 b. Mark Alden REIMERS b. 14 Aug
 1957, Ortonville, Mn.
 m. Sue HOTZLER (23 Nov 1961)
 on 25 June 1982, Sioux Falls,
 S.D. Div. 1984.
 ch: (1) Mary Nicole REIMERS
 b. 22 July 1981,
 Rochester, Mn.
 (2) Amelia Rose REIMERS
 b. 28 Aug 1983,
 Worthington, Mn.
 c. Kathi Jean REIMERS
 b. 31 Oct 1959, Ortonville, Mn.
 ch: (1) Suzanne Marie REIMERS
 b. 26 July 1979,
 Urbana, Il.
 (2) Joshua Mohammed

- REIMERS b. 23 May
1981, Denver, Co.
- (3) Leon Charles REIMERS
b. 3 July 1984,
Tacoma, Wa.
- (4) Samantha Marie REIMERS
b. 20 Jan 1987,
Tacoma, Wa.
- d. Jeffrey Lynn REIMERS
b. 30 Dec 1967, Englewood, Co.
2. Darlene Lois REIMERS b. 22 Apr 1933,
Clinton, Mn.
m. 1st Harry L. MCCRANE (26 Dec 1932) on
20 Nov 1957, Clinton, Mn.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Linda Diane MCCRANE b. 24 Oct
1958, Waco, Tx.
m. 1st Darwin L. BRUG (28 Sept
1957) on 19 May 1978, Greeley.
ch: (1) Jerome Leo BRUG
b. 8 July 1979,
Greeley, Co.
(2) Janelle Lynne BRUG
b. 18 Oct 1981, Greeley,
Co.
Linda Diane MCCRANE
m. 2nd Michael S. RICHARDS
(1 Apr 1963) on 28 July 1990,
Yuma, Ca.
- Darlene Lois REIMERS
m. 2nd Robert L. JAMISON (25 Jan 1929-
7 Apr 1989) on 2 Feb 1963, Denver, Co.
ch: b. Teresa Marie JAMISON
b. 2 Aug 1963, Denver, Co.
m. David D. HERGENREDER
(20 Apr 1961) on 1 June 1985,
Greeley, Co.
ch: (1) Ryan Richard
HERGENREDER b. 3 Nov
1986, Greeley, Co.
(2) Travis Robert
HERGENREDER b. 5 May
1990, Greeley, Co.
- Darlene Lois REIMERS
m. 3rd Julius C. VIEROW (24 Dec 1939) on
16 Jan 1987, Ault, Co.
3. Donald LeRoy REIMERS b. 28 Oct 1936,
Clinton, Mn.
m. 1st Betty McLAIN on 26 Apr 1955,
Dumont, Mn.
d.

bur.

ch: a. Calvin REIMERS b. 6 Apr 1956,
Colorado Springs, Co.
m. Paula ? (19 Jan 1959)
on 17 July 1976.

ch: (1) Denise REIMERS
b. 19 Apr 1980,
Lexington, Neb.

(2) Bryan REIMERS
b. 16 Nov 1981,
Lexington, Neb.

(3) Eric REIMERS
b. 17 Feb 1984,
Loveland, Co.

b. Debra REIMERS b. 8 Aug 1957,
Victoria, Tx.

m. Tony VIRGIL (26 Dec 1955).

ch: (1) Adrian VIRGIL b. 19
Oct 1977, Denver, Co.

(2) Fedelina VIRGIL b. 19
Mar 1981, Denver, Co.

c. Barbara REIMERS b. 8 Jan 1960,
Denver, Co.

m. Robin LOPEZ (23 Oct 1959) on
26 July 1980.

ch: (1) Jose LOPEZ b. 19 Oct
1989, Denver, Co.

(2) Anastasie Marie LOPEZ
11 Feb 1992, Denver.

Donald LeRoy REIMERS

m. 2nd Mary Ann LAYDEN (10 Dec 1944) on
11 Apr 1970, Minneapolis, Mn.

ch: d. Duane REIMERS b. 29 Dec 1970,
Morris, Mn.

e. Richard REIMERS b. 27 Jan 1973,
Morris, Mn.

C. George Edwin (Edwin) STATTELMAN b. 14 Oct 1904.

m. Evelyn Lilly WULFF (19 Apr 1921-8 June 1978) on
21 Aug 1939, West Bend, Ia.

d. 23 May 1978, Waterloo, Ia.

bur. Garden of Memories Cemetery, Waterloo, Ia.

ch: 1. Earl Edwin STATTELMAN b. 1 July 1940,
Waterloo, Ia.

m. Ellamae HUPPERT (19 Mar 1943) on
14 Oct 1961 (civil) Preston, Mn.

14 July 1963 (church) Preston, Mn.

d.

.bur.

ch: a. Terry Lee Lynn STATTELMAN

b. 25 July 1963, Waterloo, Ia.

ch: (1) Stephanie Lynn
STATTELMAN b. 29 Nov

1983, Iowa City, Ia.
 Father is Eric **GREEN**.
 m. Donald Duane **WOODEN**, Jr.
 (23 Oct 1957) on 18 Aug 1990,
 Waterloo, Ia.
 ch: (1) By adoption on 6 Dec
 1991 Stephanie Lynn
WOODEN b. 29 Nov
 1983, Iowa City, Ia.

b. Patrick Leland **STATTELMAN**
 b. 3 June 1964, Waterloo, Ia.

c. Allan Lance **STATTELMAN**
 b. 25 May 1966, Waterloo, Ia.

2. Lawrence Henry **STATTELMAN** b. 23 September
 1943, Waterloo, Ia.
 m. Patricia Marie **McANALLY** (19 Apr 1944).
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Lawrence Henry **STATTELMAN**, Jr.
 b. 10 Mar 1969, Waterloo, Ia.

3. Gary Frank **STATTELMAN** b. 10 Feb 1947,
 Waterloo, Ia.
 ch: a. Angela Kay b. 29 Jan
 1968, Waterloo, Ia.
 Mother is Charlene **STANTON**.
 m. 1st Catherine **DAVIS** on 13 Feb 1966,
 Preston, Mn.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: b. Cristina L. **STATTELMAN**
 b. 6 Feb 1967, Waterloo, Ia.
 c. Tammela Ann **STATTELMAN**
 b. 6 Feb 1967, Waterloo, Ia.
 d. Diana Rae **STATTELMAN**
 b. 13 Sept 1968, Waterloo, Ia.
 m. 2nd Linda **HART** (4 Feb 1945)
 on 3 July 1971, Hudson, Ia.
 ch: e. Robert Frank **STATTELMAN**
 b. 23 Mar 1972, Waterloo, Ia.
 f. Angela Dawn **STATTELMAN**
 b. 25 May 1973, Waterloo, Ia.

4. Gail Evelyn **STATTELMAN** b. 3 Jan 1952,
 Waterloo, Ia.
 m. John Thomas **BOYLE** (18 Dec 1947)
 on 29 Aug 1929, Waterloo, Ia.
 ch: a. David Thomas **BOYLE**
 b. 15 May 1970, Waterloo, Ia.
 b. Veronica Gail **BOYLE**
 b. 13 Feb 1972, Waterloo, Ia.

D. Joseph Alois **STATTELMAN** b. 14 Oct 1906,
 West Bend, Ia.
 m. Winnifred R. **RUPPRECHT** (13 July 1912) on 1 June

1937, Pontiac, Mi.

d.

bur.

ch. 1. Richard Joseph **STATTELMAN** b. 15 Dec 1939,
Graceville, Mn.

m. Virginia Irene **ATHEY** (23 Aug 1947)
on 6 June 1964, Graceville, Mn.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Ryan Richard **STATTELMAN**

b. 23 Dec 1978, Graceville, Mn.

2. Jerald Wayne **STATTELMAN** b. 17 Aug 1941,
Clinton, Mn.

m. Carolyn Mae **CARLSON** (24 Aug 1945)
on 12 Jan 1965, Clinton, Mn.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Douglas Wayne **STATTELMAN**

b. 29 Aug 1964, Ortonville, Mn.

m. Dawn **DUHR** (11 July 1962) on
10 July 1982 at Clinton, Mn.

Div.

ch: (1) Kristina Marie
STATTELMAN

b. 16 Sept 1981,
Graceville, Mn.

(2) Nathan Roy **STATTELMAN**,
b. 15 Jan 1984,
Graceville, Mn.

b. Danny Scott **STATTELMAN**

b. 9 Mar 1966, Graceville, Mn.

3. Joel Mark **STATTELMAN** b. 8 Aug 1949,
Graceville, Mn.

m. Kathy Jo **SIGLER** (10 Feb 1952) on 22
July 1972 at Clinton, Mn.

ch: a. By adoption Kelly Joel
STATTELMAN b. 3 Sept 1984,
St. Cloud, Mn.

b. By adoption Cory Mark **STATTELMAN**
b. 28 Nov 1986, St. Cloud, Mn.

4. Randy Arthur **STATTELMAN**

b. 13 July 1951, Graceville, Mn.

m. Becky Sue **MATHISON** (24 Feb 1955) on
23 Aug 1975, Ortonville, Mn.

ch: a. Gina Kim **STATTELMAN** b. 13 Jan
1977, Grand Forks, N.D.

b. Joseph Quinn **STATTELMAN**

b. 4 Jan 1979, Grand Forks, N.D.

c. Willis Norel **STATTELMAN**

b. 28 Jan 1981, Graceville, Mn.

d. Charles David **STATTELMAN**

b. 11 Dec 1991, Ortonville, Mn.

5. Kim Anthony **STATTELMAN** b. 18 Nov 1955,
Graceville, Mn.
m. Deanna Marie **MOBERG** (24 Mar 1956) on
14 July 1979, Clinton, Mn.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Nicholas Ray **STATTELMAN** b. 3 Aug
1982, Graceville, Mn.
b. Leah Marie **STATTELMAN** b. 11 Sept
1986, Graceville, Mn.
- E. Agnes E. **STATTELMAN** b. 20 July 1910, Johnson, Mn.
m. Everett John **LESTINA** (27 June 1906-16 Sept
1970) on 29 Aug 1935, Graceville, Mn.
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Dale Lloyd **LESTINA** b. 15 Oct 1936,
Clinton, Mn.
m. Bonita Ruth **SHORT** (4 Aug 1937)
on 10 Aug 1958, Moorhead, Mn.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Lunn Louis **LESTINA** b. 20 Apr
1968, Bismarck, N.D.
2. Carol Ann **LESTINA** b. 29 Apr 1941,
Odessa, Mn.
m. 1st Peter Anthony **MATTES** (4 Sept 1944-
28 Mar 1988).
m. 2nd James Anthony **MOUNT** (22 Sept 1938)
on 8 July 1967, Livermore, Ca.
d.
bur.
ch: a. James Anthony **MOUNT**, II
b. 13 Sept 1971, Carmel, Ca.
b. Michael John **MOUNT**
b. 25 Dec 1972, Salano, Ca.
3. Lois Marie **LESTINA** b. 14 July 1942,
Graceville, Mn.
m. Larry J. **GRIEP** (25 Aug 1938)
on 4 Feb 1961, Northwood, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Madonna Marie **GRIEP** b. 16 Sept
1961, Minneapolis, Mn.
m. Rick Roy **KRAWIECKI**
(7 May 1960) on 21 June 1980,
Coon Rapids, Mn.
ch: (1) Stephanie **KRAWIECKI**
b. 6 June 1983,
Coon Rapids, Mn.
(2) Lance P. **KRAWIECKI**
b. 24 Mar 1985,
Coon Rapids, Mn.

- b. Bennett James **GRIEP**
 - b. 24 Oct 1962, Minneapolis, Mn.
 - m. Darlene **SAVAGE** on 17 Apr 1984, Las Vegas, Nev.
 - ch: (1) Krystal Lynn **GRIEP** b. 23 Apr 1986, Fontana, Ca.
 - c. Renee Lynn **GRIEP** b. 20 Aug 1972, St. Paul, Mn.
 - 4. Michael Dennis **LESTINA** b. 22 Apr 1944, Graceville, Mn.
 - m. Gretchen Ann **HOLLER** (21 Apr 1945) on 28 Dec 1968, Long Prairie, Mn.
 - d.
 - bur.
 - ch: none
 - 5. Jay James **LESTINA** b. 19 Nov 1948, Graceville, Mn.
 - m. Kathleen Agnes **SCHNEIDER** (20 Apr 1957) on 30 July 1976, Lake Elmo, Mn.
 - d. 17 April 1979, River Falls, Wisconsin.
 - Body donated to Univ. of Mn. for science.
 - bur. (ashes) 5 Aug 1980, Long Prairie, Mn.
 - ch: a. Christopher Jason **LESTINA**
 - b. 21 Nov 1977, Oakdale, Mn.
 - 6. Kay Frances **LESTINA** b. 28 Oct 1954, Little Falls, Mn.
 - m. Michael Raymond **VERNESS** (20 Oct 1958) on 23 Apr 1983, Sparks, Nev.
 - d.
 - bur.
 - ch: a. Joseph Jay **VERNESS**
 - b. 13 May 1989, Reno, Nev.
 - b. Sarah Lynn **VERNESS**
 - b. 15 Nov 1991, Reno, Nev.
 - F. Florence **STATTELMAN** b. 15 May 1916, Clinton, Mn.
 - m. **SINGLE**
 - d.
 - bur.

III. Joseph Henry **SCHALLER** b. 27/28 June 1885, section twenty-two, Garfield Township, Kossuth Co. near West Bend, Ia. (The accepted date of birth for Joseph H. **SCHALLER** has always been 28 June 1885. However, the date of birth for Joseph found in the official church records at St. Joseph, Ia. was 27 June 1885. He was baptized 2 Aug 1885.)
 m. Elizabeth "Lizzie" **VON BANK** (9 Oct 1887-9 Jan 1977) on 24 May 1910, St. Joseph, Ia.
 d. 25 Jan 1970, Emmetsburg, Ia.
 bur. Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
 (All twelve children of Joseph H. and Lizzie **SCHALLER** listed below--A. through L.--are shown as being born at

West Bend, Ia. Exact place of birth of each was the home farm in section twenty-two of Garfield Township, Kossuth County, Ia.)

- ch: A. Martin **SCHALLER** b. 20 June 1913, West Bend, Ia.
d. 20 June 1913, West Bend, Ia.
bur. Catholic Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
- B. Ernest John **SCHALLER** b. 3 May 1914, West Bend, Ia.
m. Helen Mae **SIESENNOP** (25 Dec 1920) on 28 May 1946, O'Fallon, Mo.
d.
bur.
ch: none
- C. Florence Veronica **SCHALLER** b. 19 June 1915, West Bend, Ia.
m. 1st Melvin John **FABER** (3 Mar 1910-16 Nov 1987) on 29 Jan 1935, West Bend, Ia. Div. 1961.
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Arla Jean **FABER** b. 9 June 1936, Algona, Ia.
d. 17 Jan 1942, Fort Dodge, Ia.
bur. Calvary Cemetery, Algona, Ia.
2. Rosella Margaret **FABER** b. 4 Oct 1937, Algona, Ia.
m. Conrad Joseph **KUNKEL** (21 July 1931) on 25 Nov 1958, Bancroft, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Bernard Conrad **KUNKEL**
b. 23 Mar 1962, Algona, Ia.
m. Lynn Marie **JANSEN** (26 Dec 1967) on 16 June 1990, Lake Park, Ia.
ch: (1) Quade Allen **KUNKEL**
b. 13 Jan 1990, Waterloo, Ia.
(2) Sasha Rae **KUNKEL**
b. 8 Nov 1991, Dubuque, Ia.
- b. Lisa Rose **KUNKEL**
b. 9 Sept 1964, Algona, Ia.
m. SINGLE
- c. Norman Joseph **KUNKEL**
b. 8 Sept 1965, Algona, Ia.
m. SINGLE
- d. Theresa Marie **KUNKEL**
b. 7 Sept 1966, Algona, Ia.
m. Stephen Paul **PATTERSON** (15 Mar 1963) on 5 Aug 1989, Bancroft, Ia.
ch: (1) Stephen Paul (Paul) **PATTERSON**, b. 6 Aug

- 1991, Dallas, Tx.
- e. Julie Elizabeth **KUNKEL**
b. 29 May 1968, Algona, Ia.
m. SINGLE
 - f. Peggy Lynn **KUNKEL**
b. 29 Dec 1969, Algona, Ia.
m. Greg **ATHERTON** on 18 July
1992, Bancroft, Ia.
 - g. Kira Ann **KUNKEL**
b. 2 Mar 1971, Algona, Ia.
m. SINGLE
3. Kathleen Mildred **FABER** b. 1 Sept 1941,
Algona, Ia.
m. Donald Nicholas **LOEW** (13 Feb 1934)
on 15 Sept 1962, Bancroft, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Judy Kay **LOEW** b. 22 July 1963,
Austin, Mn.
m. Arlin **BRANSTAD** (21 Oct 1959)
on 20 Aug 1983, Hayfield, Mn.
ch: (1) Kristina Ann **BRANSTAD**
b. 26 Aug 1985,
Mason City, Ia.
(2) Jenna Kathleen
BRANSTAD b. 27 Apr
1989, Rochester, Mn.
- b. Patrick Donald **LOEW** b. 22 Oct
1964, Austin, Mn.
m. Nancy Jo **ILLE** (20 Sept 1964)
on 11 June 1988, Chatfield, Mn.
ch: (1) Brady Patrick **LOEW**
b. 14 June 1992, Mn.
 - c. Jacqueline Marie **LOEW** b. 21 Nov
1965, Austin, Mn.
m. Steven **ADELMAN** (8 Dec 1965)
on 12 Aug 1989, Rosen Mn.
ch: (1) Melinda Rae **ADELMAN**
b. 8 June 1992, Mn.
 - d. Nancy Ann **LOEW** b. 24 June 1967,
Austin, Mn.
m. SINGLE
 - e. Angela Jean **LOEW** b. 13 June
1976, Austin, Mn.
4. Melvin Alfred **FABER** b. 10 Aug 1945,
Algona, Ia.
m. Lucille (**GIFFORD**) **BEHREND**S (22 Oct
1937) on 28 June 1969, Bancroft, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Jason Charles **FABER**
b. 6 Dec 1969, Algona, Ia.

- m. SINGLE
 - b. Jeramie A. **FABER**
 - b. 24 Feb 1973, Algona, Ia.
 - m. SINGLE
 - 5. Gloria Jean **FABER** b. 30 May 1947,
Algona, Ia.
m. James Robert **ELLWANGER** (28 Oct 1944)
on 26 Dec 1969, Bancroft, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Eric James **ELLWANGER**
b. 26 June 1975, Fort Dodge, Ia.
b. Marla Jean **ELLWANGER**
b. 28 Jan 1978, Iowa City, Ia.
 - 6. Cynthia Carolyn **FABER** b. 24 Dec 1951,
Algona, Ia.
m. Michael Paul **MULRONEY** (24 Nov 1949)
on 15 April 1972, Bancroft, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. By adoption Michael Joshua
MULRONEY b. 28 May 1987,
Leesburg, Va.
- Florence Veronica **SCHALLER**
m. 2nd Ornie **BEHREND** (6 Dec 1907-8 Oct 1987)
on 30 Sept 1973 at Killeen, Tx.
- D. Angela Mary **SCHALLER** b. 10 Aug 1917,
West Bend, Ia.
Received into the Order of St. Francis of the
Holy Family 12 August 1936 at Dubuque, Ia.
Received the name Sister Mary La **SALETTE**.
Final vows in 1941.
Returned to birth name Sister **ANGELA** about 1967.
d.
bur.
- E. Mildred Theresia **SCHALLER** b. 30 Sept 1918,
West Bend, Ia.
m. Alfred George (Sam) **MILLER** b. 28 Oct 1916-
3 Oct 1985) on 4 Feb 1941, West Bend, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Donna Mae **MILLER** b. 21 Mar 1942,
LuVerne, Ia.
m. Maurice L. **BESCH** (19 Sept 1940)
on 4 Sept 1965, Corwith, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. LuAnn **BESCH** b. 20 May 1966,
Algona, Ia.
m. Douglas Jerome **VOLKMER**
(25 Aug 1966) on 13 Apr 1991,
Whittemore, Ia.

- b. Melissa Jane **BESCH** b. 5 July 1968, Algona, Ia.
 - c. Larry Joseph **BESCH** b. 1 Sept 1970, Algona, Ia.
 - d. Linda Marie **BESCH** b. 11 Apr 1972, Algona, Ia.
- F. Loretta Margaret **SCHALLER** b. 29 Mar 1920, West Bend, Ia.
 - m. Mathias (Matt) **FRIDERES** (1 Dec 1916) on 16 Aug 1943, West Bend, Ia.
 - d. 18 Feb 1992, Des Moines, Ia.
 - bur. Calvary Cemetery, Algona, Ia.
 - ch: 1. Corene Kay **FRIDERES** b. 11 June 1945, Algona, Ia.
 - m. Roderick John **BAKKEN** (24 Apr 1946) on 10 Aug 1968, Algona, Ia.
 - d.
 - bur.
 - ch:
 - a. By adoption Sean Jung **BAKKEN** (Jung Byung **SHIK**) b. 27 Aug 1972, Seoul, Korea.
 - b. By adoption Sara Lorena **BAKKEN** (Sylvia Lorena **HERNANDEZ**) b. 6 January 1976, outside San Pedro Sula, Honduras.
 - c. By adoption Sabrina Song **BAKKEN** (Song ahn **JA**) b. 10 January 1976, Kyung-book Province, Ahn Dong County, Korea.
 - 2. Dwight Melvin **FRIDERES** b. 11 Sept 1946, Algona, Ia.
 - m. Judith Ann **THOMA** (7 Jan 1947) on 21 Sept 1968, Clare, Ia.
 - d.
 - bur.
 - ch:
 - a. Matthew Jerome **FRIDERES** b. 17 Dec 1969, Nuremburg, West Ger.
 - b. Rachel Elizabeth **FRIDERES** b. 1 Apr 1973, Boone, Ia.
 - c. Mark David **FRIDERES** b. 16 Oct 1974, Boone, Ia.
 - d. Bridget Marguerete **FRIDERES** b. 12 Dec 1978, Des Moines, Ia.
 - e. Charissa Lois **FRIDERES** b. 19 Nov 1986, Des Moines, Ia.
 - 3. Keith Leonard **FRIDERES** b. 21 Mar 1952, Algona, Ia.
 - m. Angela Noreen **SMITH** (5 June 1964) on 4 June 1988, Algona, Ia.
 - d.
 - bur.
 - ch: none

4. Dorothy Lynn **FRIDERES** b. 24 Feb 1953,
Algona, Ia.
m. Lamont Morris **WEGNER** (30 July 1946) on
6 June 1975, Algona, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Tonya **WEGNER** b. 21 Dec 1977,
Fort Dodge, Ia.
b. Jennifer **WEGNER** b. 24 Mar 1982,
Fort Dodge, Ia.
c. Erica **WEGNER** b. 1 June 1987,
Algona, Ia.
d. Michael **WEGNER** b. 16 May 1991,
Algona, Ia.
5. Joan Eileen **FRIDERES** 12 Dec 1957,
Algona, Ia.
m. David James **BRUMM** (3 Oct 1953)
on 5 Aug 1978, Algona, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Melissa **BRUMM** b. 5 Feb 1979,
Rochester, Mn.
b. Angela **BRUMM** b. 7 July 1986,
Barrington, Ill.
6. Dale Matthew **FRIDERES** b. 3 June 1964,
Algona, Ia.
m. SINGLE
d.
bur.
- G. James Michael **SCHALLER** b. 3 May 1921, West Bend,
Ia.
m. SINGLE
d. 12 Mar 1978, Graettinger, Ia.
bur. Catholic Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
- H. Joseph John **SCHALLER** b. 29 June 1923,
West Bend, Ia.
m. 1st Darlene (**YEGGE**) **SCHUMACHER** (24 Apr 1927) on
25 Aug 1956, Mason City, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Debra Ann **SCHALLER** b. 17 June 1957,
Madison, Wi.
m. David Howard **BIRKS** (6 Sept 1958) on
11 Mar 1977, Pomona, Ca.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Joshua Daniel **BIRKS** b. 8 June
1978, Yokosuka, Japan.
b. Crystal Ann **BIRKS** b. 13 Dec
1979, Oak Harbor, Wa.
c. John Joseph **BIRKS** b. 17 Aug
1983, Kennewick, Wa.

Joseph John **SCHALLER**
 m. 2nd Mabel L. (MIDTHON) **LUND** on 19 June 1971.

I. Hilda Mary **SCHALLER** b. 28 June 1925, West Bend, Ia.
 m. 1st Richard Daniel **METZGER** (5 Feb 1923-31 Dec 1974) on 26 Nov 1946, West Bend, Ia.
 d.
 bur.

ch: 1. Ronald James **METZGER** b. 23 May 1948, West Bend, Ia.
 m. Elizabeth Karen **ST.JOHN** (16 Oct 1952) on 14 Aug 1971, Algona, Ia.
 d.
 bur.

ch: a. Scott Michael **METZGER**
 b. 18 Nov 1972, Algona, Ia.
 b. Kevin Patrick **METZGER**
 b. 30 Oct 1973, Algona, Ia.
 c. Marc Richard **METZGER**
 b. 6 Mar 1976, Algona, Ia.
 d. Steven Durwood **METZGER**
 b. 31 July 1978, Algona, Ia.
 e. Kenneth Dean **METZGER**
 b. 29 June 1981, Emmetsburg, Ia.
 f. Lynette Catherine **METZGER**
 b. 18 Mar 1985, Emmetsburg, Ia.

2. Daniel Jay **METZGER** b. 8 Sept 1949, West Bend, Ia.
 m. Sandra **JOHNSON** (1 Oct 1954) on 3 June 1972, Creston, Ia.
 d.
 bur.

ch: a. Eric Allen **METZGER** b. 30 June 1973, Greenfield, Ia.
 b. April Marie **METZGER** b. 27 April 1974, Greenfield, Ia.
 c. Mike Eugene **METZGER** b. 18 April 1976, Iowa City, Ia.

3. Janice Helen **METZGER** b. 14 Dec 1951, West Bend, Ia.
 m. Thomas Lee **OSBORNE** (11 Feb 1950) on 9 Nov 1974, Greenfield, Ia.
 d.
 bur.

ch: a. Anthony John **OSBORNE** b. 6 Dec 1978, Creston, Ia.
 b. Timothy Lee **OSBORNE** b. 11 May 1982, Creston, Ia.
 c. Travis Daniel **OSBORNE**
 b. 22 May 1985, Creston, Ia .

4. Carol Ann **METZGER** b. 17 Aug 1953, West Bend, Ia.

- m. Jerry D. GIST (2 July 1941) on 9 June 1973, Greenfield, Ia.
d.
bur.
- ch: a. Andy D. GIST b. 18 Oct 1975, Britt, Ia.
b. Sheri A. GIST b. 20 Nov 1979, Britt, Ia.
c. Richard J. GIST b. 27 July 1982. Iowa City, Ia.
d. Heidi A. GIST b. 8 Jan 1990, Algona, Ia.
d. 6 Feb 1991, Algona, Ia.
bur. Calvary Cem. Algona, Ia.
5. Dean Michael METZGER b. 16 Feb 1956, West Bend, Ia.
m. Mary WEISSHAER (18 Mar 1959) on 17 Apr. 1981 or 1982, Creston, Ia.
d.
bur.
- ch: a. Jeffrey Paul b. 26 Oct 1984.
b. Amy Michelle b. 4 Mar 1988.
6. Samuel Joseph METZGER b. 10 Aug 1959, Emmetsburg, Ia.
m. Karen ALEXANDER (7 May 1959) on 30 June 1979, Creston, Ia.
d.
bur.
- ch: a. Angela Renee METZGER b. 1 Jan 1982, Creston, Ia.
b. Bradley Joseph METZGER b. 3 July 1986, Creston, Ia.
c. Jackie Marie METZGER b. 25 June 1990, Creston, Ia.
7. Gary Raymond METZGER b. 5 Mar 1961, Algona, Ia.
m. Cindy Sue BERGER (1 Dec 1963) on 18 June 1983, Greenfield, Ia.
d.
bur.
- ch: a. Rachel Sue METZGER b. 18 Oct 1984.
b. Lu Ann Michelle METZGER b. 11 Aug 1986.
c. Julie Ann METZGER b. 21 Mar 1991.
8. David Dwight METZGER b. 28 Nov 1962, Algona, Ia.
m. SINGLE
d.
bur.
9. Marlin Donald METZGER b. 30 Apr 1964,

Algona, Ia.
 m. Crystal Lynn BUNZ (21 Jan 1964) on
 17 Sept 1983, Greenfield, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Jennifer JoAnn METZGER b. ???
 b. Nick Daniel METZGER b. ???

Hilda Mary SCHALLER
 m. 2nd Donald R. ROBERTS on 17 June 1982.
 J. Donald William SCHALLER b. 1 Sept 1926,
 West Bend, Ia.
 m. Marcella Elaine STONE (27 Aug 1932) on
 20 Feb 1950, West Bend, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: 1. Denise Mildred SCHALLER b. 26 May
 1952, West Bend, Ia.
 m. Michael Lee FLAHERTY (7 May 1951)
 on 26 May 1973, Emmetsburg, Ia.
 ch: a. Angela Sue FLAHERTY b. 15 Mar
 1973, Emmetsburg, Ia.
 b. Christy Lynn FLAHERTY b. 14 July
 1974, Emmetsburg, Ia.
 2. Donald Joseph SCHALLER b. 21 Mar 1958,
 Emmetsburg, Ia.
 m. Linda Ann HOFFMAN (6 Oct 1960) on
 19 Sept 1981, Graettinger, Ia. Div.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Melissa Ann SCHALLER b. 28 July
 1982, Estherville, Ia.
 b. Michele Rose SCHALLER b. 7 Apr
 1985, Spencer, Ia.

K. Eileen Catherine SCHALLER b. 16 Dec 1927,
 West Bend, Ia.
 m. Benjamin George METZGER (25 Jan 1916) on
 1 June 1948, West Bend, Ia.
 d. 24 Mar 1989, Des Moines, Ia.
 bur. Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
 ch: 1. Glenn Eugene METZTER b. 10 Sept 1950,
 West Bend, Ia.
 m. Mary Mildred FOUTS (11 Nov 1953) on
 18 June 1977, Rockwell City, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Jennifer Ann METZGER b. 19 Apr
 1980, Emmetsburg, Ia.
 2. Allan Joseph METZGER b. 19 Sept 1953,
 West Bend, Ia.
 m. Marlene Ruth HANSELMAN (15 Nov 1953)
 on 31 May 1975, Indianola, Ia.
 d.

- bur.
ch: none
3. Brian Michael **METZGER** b. 7 Sept 1959,
Emmetsburg, Ia.
m. Rebecca Ann **GILMAN** (28 Sept 1959) on
4 Aug 1984, Greenfield, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Nicole Elizabeth b. 5 Jan 1991,
Ankeny, Ia.
4. Larry Raymond **METZGER** b. 17 Sept 1964,
Emmetsburg, Ia.
m. SINGLE
- L. Lloyd Ernest **SCHALLER** b. 13 July 1929,
West Bend, Ia.
m. Anna Marie **MEIER** (18 Aug 1920-7 Nov 1961) in
Sept 195?, Jackson, Mn.
d. 18 May 1981, Knoxville, Ia.
bur. Catholic Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
ch: none
- IV. George **SCHALLER** b. 28 June 1887, section twenty-two,
Garfield Township, Kossuth Co., near West Bend, Ia.
m. Susan **MARNACH** (26 Jan 1893-9 Mar 1980) on 21 Jan
1914.
d. 1 Dec 1974.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, St. Joseph, Ia.
ch: A. Raymond **SCHALLER** b. 18 June 1914, St. Joseph, Ia.
m. SINGLE
d. 2 Mar 1983.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, St. Joseph, Ia.
- B. Margaret **SCHALLER** b. 15 Dec 1915, West Bend, Ia.
m. Clarence **THILGES** (24 Jan 1908-8 Oct 1984)
on 19 Feb 1935, West Bend, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Arlene **THILGES**
m. Donald **SOLBOLIK**
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
2. Ronald **THILGES** b. 18 Oct 1937,
Ottosen, Ia.
m. Ruth Ann **RUDEN** (17 June 1944)
on 8 June 1963, Remsen, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Patrick **THILGES**
m. Sharlene
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
- b. Linda **THILGES**
c. Connie **THILGES**
d. Douglas **THILGES**

e. Andrew THILGES

3. Mariam THILGES
 m. Robert KRAMER
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

4. Duane THILGES
 m. Karen COLLINS
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

C. Laura SCHALLER
 m. Frank WELTER
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

D. Delmer Joseph SCHALLER b. 2 June 1918,
 Kossuth Co., Ia.
 m. Dorothy Marie McMAHON (23 Oct 1927) on 2 June
 1947, Fort Dodge, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: 1. Linda Jean SCHALLER b. 11 May 1948, Fort
 Dodge, Ia.
 m. ?
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. daughter

2. Janis Ann SCHALLER b. 27 Dec 1954,
 Fort Dodge, Ia.
 m. 1st Robert BJERKE (1 Mar 1953) on 31
 May 1975, Fort Dodge, Ia. Div.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Patrick BJERKE b. 18 June 1978,
 Fort Dodge, Ia.
 Janis Ann SCHALLER
 m. 2nd Terry KUBSCH
 ch: b. Kara KUBSCH

3. Duane Joseph SCHALLER b. 6 Aug 1956,
 Fort Dodge, Ia.
 m. Terri FRENCH (3 Sept 1961) on 11 July
 1981, Iowa City, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Cristen Jennifer SCHALLER
 b. 13 Dec 1982, Iowa City, Ia.

E. Marie SCHALLER
 m. Henry WELTER
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE

- F. Loren **SCHALLER**
 m. SINGLE
 d.
 bur.
- V. John Michael "Jack" **SCHALLER** b. 15 Apr 1890, section twenty-two, Garfield Township, Kossuth Co., near West Bend.
 m. SINGLE
 d. 10 Jan 1972, Milbank, S.D.
 bur. Catholic Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
- VI. Edward Anthony **SCHALLER** b. 5 July 1891, section twenty-two, Garfield Township, Kossuth Co., near West Bend, Ia.
 m. Rose Marie **LARSON** (17 Mar 1894-12 Nov 1985) on 15 Feb 1916, Graceville, Mn.
 d. 9 Nov 1979, Ortonville, Mn.
 bur. Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, Ia.
 ch: A. Francis Leonard **SCHALLER** b. 28 Dec 1917, Graceville, Mn.
 m. Meredith Joan **JOHNSON** (7 June 1917-1991) on 22 June 1944, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 d. 2 July 1990, Clinton, Mn.
 bur. Clinton City Cemetery, Clinton, Mn.
- VII. Mary Anna **SCHALLER** b. 28/29 Sept 1894, section twenty-two, Garfield Township, Kossuth Co., near West Bend, Ia.
 (The accepted date of birth for Mary Anna **SCHALLER** has always been 28 Sept 1894. However, Anna's father recorded her birth as 29 Sept 1894 in his handwritten account book. Her baptismal record has not been found.)
 m. James Andrew **HOOPER** (5 Sept 1890/1891-9 Mar 1928) on 22 May 1915, Detroit, Mi.
 d. 23 Jan 1991.
 bur. 26 Jan 1991, Carmel Cemetery, Carmel, Ind.
 ch: A. Eugene Andrew **HOOPER** b. 8 July 1916, Detroit, Mi.
 m. Mary Margaret **GRAVES** (10 Feb 1918) on 28 Feb 1940, Indianapolis, In.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: 1. Vonda Jean **HOOPER**, b. 17 Nov 1945, Indianapolis, In.
 m. Donald C. **HORTON** (24 June 1945) on 24 Sept 1970.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Jennifer Lynn **HORTON** b. 21 Aug 1971.
 b. James **HORTON** b. 6 Jan 1975.
 d. 6 Jan 1975.
 c. Scott Andrew **HORTON** b. 12 Oct 1976.
 B. Mildred Anna **HOOPER** b. 24 Mar 1918, Detroit, Mi.
 d. 31 Mar 1920.
 bur.
 C. Mabel Florence **HOOPER** b. 19 July 1921,

Indianapolis, Ind.

m. Joseph G. MILLER (10 Oct 1916-7 June 1975)
on 23 Oct 1937, Indianapolis, Ind.

d.

bur.

ch: 1. Patricia Ann MILLER b. 16 Oct 1938,
Indianapolis, Ind.

m. Robert STROHMEYER (25 Jan 1932)
on 17 Feb 1956.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Julie Ann STROHMEYER b. 4 Feb
1957.

m. WHITESELL

b. Robert W. STROHMEYER
b. 27 Sept 1958.

c. Lisa Marie STROHMEYER
b. 13 Nov 1959.

m. O'CONNER.

d. Eric Joseph STROHMEYER
b. 20 July 1960.

e. David A. STROHMEYER
b. 12 Aug 1963.

f. Amy L. STROHMEYER
b. 14 May 1965.

g. Kris L. STROHMEYER
b. 24 June 1967.

m. LETT.

h. Kari STROHMEYER
b. 24 Mar 1971.

2. Linda Jean MILLER 11 Oct 1944,
Indianapolis, Ind.

m. James Michael SIMMONS (15 Aug 1943)
on 28 Nov 1964.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Anna Marie SIMMONS
16 Mar 1967.

b. Jill Elizabeth SIMMONS
b. 2 Mar 1969.

c. Mark Charles SIMMONS
b. 22 Nov 1972.

d. Kate Erin SIMMONS
b. 13 July 1981.

3. Joseph George, Jr. MILLER b. 24 Oct
1947, Indianapolis, Ind.

m. Carolyn Mary GOEKE (21 Mar 1947)
on 28 Oct 1972.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Jason Thomas MILLER
b. 12 June 1978.

4. Robert Gene **MILLER** b. 10 July 1950.
d. 22 Dec 1952.
- D. Joann Deltha **HOOPER** b. 27 June 1928,
Indianapolis, Ind.
m. Ralph E. **HOOPER** (19 Feb 1922) (no relation)
on 30 June 1956, Indianapolis, Ind.
d.
bur.
- ch: 1. Robert E. **HOOPER** b. 4 Jan 1944.
d. 25 Dec 1989.
(Ralph's son.)
2. William L. **HOOPER** b. 11 Nov 1949.
d. 9 Aug 1967.
(Ralph's son.)

*John and Barbara (Schaller) Fehlhauer
and
Their Children*

*Jacob Fehlhauer
Andrew Fehlhauer
Elizabeth Jensen
Mary Collinson
Barbara Burrus
Susan Koeller
Margaret Joynt
Anna Molitor*



Barbara SCHALLER

Daughter of George SCHALLER and Maria SANDHÖFNER
Wife of John FEHLHAUER

Barbara Schaller, the sixth of eight known children of George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner, was born 25 October 1843 in Schilligkau, Bohemia. This date was given in her obituary in 1916.⁵⁶ Her tombstone gave 28 October as her birth date. This discrepancy was settled by securing her official birth record from the parish in Berg, Bohemia. According to that record (Book 25 page 78) she was born 25 October 1843. Although all records indicated she was called Barbara, her obituary began with "Miss Mary Barbara Schaller." There is no known explanation for this use of the name Mary.

There is no information that tells specifics about Barbara's life in Schilligkau, but she undoubtedly grew up under the same conditions as her older sister and brother, Mary and Joseph Schaller.

Barbara's year of immigration to America was open to question until her birth record was obtained. Her obituary in the Kossuth County Advance⁵⁷ said she came in 1867. However, the 1900 Federal Census of Iowa gave her year of immigration as 1868. The census information was usually given by the individual themselves or a member of their family. Luckily for her family, the birth record from Berg settled the question. Under the entry for her birth in small handwriting, the priest added this note: "Amerika 1867." Again referring to her obituary in the West Bend Journal, Barbara came to Dyersville, Iowa, and stayed with "friends." This is rather curious. One wonders if she actually stayed in the town of Dyersville with friends, or if perhaps it was actually her sister Mary Sellner, who lived by Earlville, a town eight miles west of Dyersville, with whom she stayed. Perhaps she did make her first home with friends, but surely her first action was to visit her older sister on the farm by Earlville. Mary Sellner may well have been the one who sent her money for passage to America. Most immigrant families followed the familiar pattern of eldest going first to America, saving money, and then sending for the next.

Barbara's obituary continued that it was here (Dyersville) that she met and married Mr. John C. Fehlhauer. However, a search of the microfilmed indexes of both Delaware and Dubuque Counties, Iowa, revealed no record of the marriage of a Fehlhauer and Schaller several years before and after 1868. At this point, the

official marriage record of John Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller has not been found.

John C. Fehlhauer's birthplace, other than Prussia, is unknown. His tombstone in West Bend, Iowa, gave 15 January 1832 as his date of birth. He and Barbara were considered early pioneers of West Bend Township, arriving in 1869 according to Vivian Nessen.⁵⁸ What brought the Fehlhauers to the vicinity of West Bend versus any other community west of Dyersville is unknown, but a logical guess would be the availability of cheap land. Their decision would affect not only their own children but the lives of Joseph and Elizabeth Schaller who eventually followed them. The Fehlhauers went to Fort Dodge for their supplies since the present town of West Bend did not exist until 1881. It was the coming of the railroad that spurred the development of the town of West Bend. Barbara's obituary stated they took as a homestead a piece of land that now adjoins the town of West Bend. A record of this could not be found in either the Palo Alto or Kossuth County Courthouses.

By 1870 John and Barbara had established themselves in Palo Alto County, Iowa. The 1870 census showed John and Barbara living in West Bend Township with their oldest child, Jacob, who was listed as one year old. John was a farmer born in Prussia; his real estate was valued at \$400 and his personal property at \$205. The Fehlhauers were one of forty-six families living in West Bend Township in 1870.

In 1882 John Fehlhauer built the first hotel in the growing community of West Bend. It was called the West Bend House and was located on the east side of Main Street.⁵⁹

John and Barbara became the parents of thirteen children, but only eight were living in 1900. The others, whose existence was probably unknown even to Fehlhauer descendants, undoubtedly died as infants. The following were the known children:

1. Jacob born 27 September 1868 in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa.
Married Josephine Reslhuber on 15 November 1892 at Emmetsburg, Palo Alto County, Iowa, by J. M. Hefley, Justice of the Peace.*
Died November 1919 at Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Buried at Battleford, Saskatchewan.
2. Andrew born circa December 1869/1870 in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa.
Married Alice Collinson 23 April 1893 at West Bend, Iowa, by Alfred James, Pastor of M.E. Church.*
Died 1964, place unknown.
Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Algona, Iowa.
3. Elizabeth born 26 February 1871 in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa. (Her tombstone gave 1870 as her year of birth.)
Married Frederick P. Jensen 12 September 1894 at West Bend, Iowa, by C. B. Lechtenberg, Catholic priest.*
Died in 1958 at Good Samaritan Home in Pocahontas, Iowa.
Buried Summit Hill Cemetery, Pocahontas, Iowa, block one, lot forty-six.

4. Mary born circa May 1873/1874 in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa.
Married 1st Charles M. Collinson circa 1893.
Married 2nd William Martin.
Married 3rd _____ Speck.
Died in 1940 at West Bend, Iowa.
Buried West Bend, Iowa.
5. Barbara born circa June 1875 in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa.
Married Edward Burrus 14 June 1895 at Emmetsburg, Iowa, by F. L. Crose, Justice of the Peace.*
Death date and place unknown.
Burial place unknown.
6. Susan born circa June 1878 in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa.
Married John F. Koeller 14 September 1897 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, West Bend, by Edward O'Reilly, Catholic priest.*
Died circa 1919, place unknown.
Burial place unknown.
7. Margaret born circa March 1880 in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa.
Married Michael W. Joynt 2 May 1905 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, West Bend, by Paul M. Dobberstein, Catholic Pastor.*
Death date and place unknown.
Burial place unknown.
8. Anna born circa January 1882 in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa.
Married Peter Molitor after April of 1910 and before March of 1912.
Death date and place unknown.
Burial place unknown.
9. Female child born 18 January 1888* in West Bend Township, Palo Alto County, Iowa.
Death date and place unknown.
Burial place unknown.

Even though John and Barbara had a large family, many of their descendants' whereabouts are unknown. The Canada branch of the Fehlhauer family (Jacob) was contacted using a 1919 address. As a result, the only branch of the Fehlhauer family still to have that surname are now known to their cousins in the United States and are listed in the Table of Descendants. In the same mode, several descendants from the Mary Collinson family were able to provide some of their descendants. Other children of John and Barbara had children of their own: Barbara Burrus, Susan Koeller, Margaret Joynt, and Anna Molitor. Unfortunately, none of their descendants were able to be contacted, and their whereabouts are a mystery.

Little oral history about John and Barbara has been preserved by the family. So once again, the census records became the trail

to follow. In 1880 the Fehlhauer family had grown to include seven children: Jacob, Andrew, Elizabeth, Mary, Barbara, Susan, and Margaret. Jacob, Andrew, and Mary were attending school. John was a farmer, but two years later (1882) he built a hotel to accommodate the workers who came in conjunction with the building of the railroad.

The year 1900 found most of the Fehlhauer children married. Jacob and Andrew were married, had families, and were operating a dray line in West Bend. John, Barbara, Margaret, and Anna were still living on their farm. Sometime during 1900 they moved into a new house in West Bend. In 1910, the Fehlhauers had their grandson, Carl Koeller, staying with them. He was eleven years old. Anna, at age twenty-eight, was still not married.

On 7 March 1912, the head of the Fehlhauer family died at West Bend, Iowa. John C. Fehlhauer was buried in the cemetery in West Bend. Barbara lived another four years beyond that of her husband. According to her obituary, she had been ill for many years, and for twenty years had not been able to go to town or church. By April of 1916, she was sick enough to cause great concern to her family. It appears that her nephew, Joseph H. Schaller of West Bend, had been watching over her. He wrote a letter to Barbara's married daughter in Marquis, Saskatchewan, concerning his aunt's state of health and her care. It prompted a return letter written 26 April 1916 by Susie Koeller, and this letter was preserved among family papers.

Well Joe tell Mother we are a full
sorry that we cant come down there
and stay with her. tell her that we
want her to come up here and stay
with us if she will come up either
John [her husband] or my self will
come down after her. tell Mother
that John has been quite sick since
we are home again [as though they
had been down to visit] was in bed
for 3 days and the Dr said the best
thing that John could do [was] have
a operation and not work for a year
or so and give it a good rest so it
could heal up.

Later in the letter she added a note that showed her distress that Carl was not visiting as he promised. Carl was probably Susie's son who, in 1910, was eleven years old and living with his Fehlhauer grandparents in West Bend. At the time the letter was written, he was seventeen years old.

I am sorry that Carl dont go hom often
and see mother. Say Joe if you see him
will you talk to him and tell him to go
down to see her I think he could go ever

Sunday down a while at least if not
oftener I asked him to go and look after
her as much as possible he said he would
so cant see why he dont do it. I must
close hoping to here from you soon and
let us no if mother will come up.

It is interesting to note that even in the early decades of the twentieth century families had the same problem of caring for elderly parents as people have today. Migratory patterns caused the break up of the extended family, leaving elderly parents alone. Barbara had eight adult children at the time the letter was written. Six were living a great distance away, and the Collinsons were in Louisiana for health reasons. That left the care of dying Barbara to her nephew, Joe Schaller.

Barbara (Schaller) Fehlhauer died at her home on 28 September 1916.* According to the newspaper obituary, she died of cancer of the stomach. However, her death certificate is more specific and does not mention cancer. Rather it stated she died of "stenosis of pylorus of stomach causing starvation. Old age."⁶⁰ In more easily understood terms, it means the opening from the stomach to the small intestine was constricted, causing starvation. She was buried beside her husband in West Bend's Catholic cemetery.

The same paper that carried Barbara's obituary also printed an item concerning the family of Barbara's married daughter, Mary Collinson. Apparently they had returned from Louisiana where they'd gone for Charles' health. A week before Barbara's death, he broke into a rash the doctor feared was smallpox. Consequently, the whole family was quarantined. Barbara's burial was private, and at a later date a memorial service was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Joseph H. Schaller was appointed executor of his aunt's estate. It took until 1923 for all matters to be settled. In early 1923, the children received yet more money from their mother's estate: \$42.15 and \$845. The earlier amount they received is unknown. By that date, Susie Koeller, who wrote the letter quoted earlier, had died as the result of a train accident. Her share was to go to her heirs, but up to that point "no steps have been taken by those interested in the estate of the said Susie Koeller to authorize anyone to receive the sum herein shown to be due."⁶¹

Barbara Fehlhauer and her husband John were essential elements of the immigrant Schaller family. They stayed at West Bend all of their married life and left a large family of eight children. Many of those had descendants, some of whom now carry the shortened surname FELHAUER. There are no longer any descendants with the surname Fehlhauer/Felhauer in the West Bend area, but many of them populate the provinces of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Canada.



Jacob FEHLHAUER

Son of John FEHLHAUER and Barbara SCHALLER
Husband of Josephine RESLHUBER

Jacob Fehlhauer was born, according to his children's records, on 27 September 1868 to John C. Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller. He was born on his parent's farm near West Bend in Palo Alto County, Iowa. He married Josephine Reslhuber on 15 November 1892* at Emmetsburg, Iowa. The marriage was officiated by J. M. Hefley, Justice of the Peace. Josephine was born 16 December 1872 in Bavaria, Germany. Jacob and Josephine had ten children: Louis J., Henry Martin, Catherine B., Anna Margaret, Clara Elizabeth, Loretta Mae, Helen M., M. Magdalene, A. Josephine, and Walter F. The first five children were born near West Bend, and the others were born at Marquis, Saskatchewan.

In 1900 Jacob and his family were living in West Bend and his occupation was a drayman. It was probably the lure of owning his own land that prompted Jacob to leave West Bend for Canada. About this time, there was a migration of midwesterners to the provinces of Canada, and Jacob was just one of many to join the emigration. He and his brother, Andrew, went up alone in the spring of 1904 to set up their property. They returned to West Bend. On or about 4 April 1905 the Fehlhauer family loaded their belongings on two boxcars and left for a new life. The family retains a wonderful photo of the travelers and the concerned friends who saw them off at the depot in West Bend. (See photo #92.)

Once in Canada, Jacob farmed and owned a building-moving business. His first land was in section ten, township twenty, range twenty-seven near Marquis. Later he added the quarter section next to his. He later purchased a threshing outfit along with his brother and two neighbors. They did custom threshing for miles around their area. Josephine was a seamstress and sewed for her own family and for others.

A newspaper article in the West Bend Journal (19 April 1917) related that Jacob was returning to Marquis after spending two months in West Bend settling his mother's estate. On return to Canada, he was planning to run a "large gas tractor."

Jacob Fehlhauer died at age fifty-one in November of 1919 and was buried at Battleford, Saskatchewan. His wife was left with nine unmarried children to raise. Sadly, she did not live much longer than her husband. Josephine died 10 November 1922 and was buried at the Catholic cemetery in Marquis, Saskatchewan.



Andrew FEHLHAUER

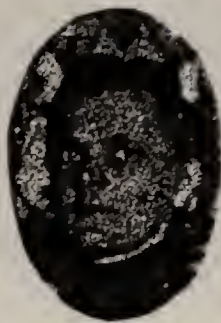
Son of John FEHLHAUER and Barbara SCHALLER
Husband of Alice COLLINSON

Andrew Fehlhauer was the second child born to John C. Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller. No definite date of birth is known, but census records of 1900 gave his birth as December of 1870. However, he may have been born in December of 1869. He grew up on his parent's farm near West Bend.

On 23 April 1893, Andrew married Alice Cordelia Collinson at West Bend, Iowa.* The ceremony was performed by Alfred James, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Alice was a daughter of Thomas Collinson, who was born in Pennsylvania, and Hannah, last name unknown. In the 1900 census Andrew, Alice, and their only child, Carl, were living in the town of West Bend. Andrew and his brother were operating a dray line at this time. Their ad appeared in a 1900 proprietors booklet printed to lure new citizens to the town of West Bend.⁶²

Andrew and his brother went to Marquis, Saskatchewan, to check out the land, and both moved their families there in 1905. Later, Andrew Fehlhauer operated a pool hall and barber shop in Marquis. He and Alice farmed south of Marquis before moving to a fruit farm in the Similkemeen Valley of British Columbia. Still later, date unknown, they settled near the town of Oroville which was probably in the state of California. It is likely that the Fehlhauers followed Alice's brothers to this area. A 1950 newspaper article (name and date unknown) shared details of their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary and listed as guests many of their Collinson nieces and nephews.

Andrew and Alice's only child, Carl, was killed in the First World War while serving as a pilot in the United States Air Force. According to members of Jacob's family, Alice died in 1956 and Andrew in 1964. They are both buried in Riverview Cemetery, Algona, Iowa.



Elizabeth FEHLHAUER

Daughter of John FEHLHAUER and Barbara SCHALLER

Wife of Frederick JENSEN

According to the date given in her obituary, Elizabeth Fehlhauer was born 26 February 1871 near West Bend, Iowa. She was the third child and first daughter of John C. Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller. Her tombstone, however, gave her date of birth as 1870. Unless her baptismal record is found, a verified date will not be known.

On 12 September 1894* she was married at West Bend, Iowa, to Frederick Jensen. Father C. B. Lechtenberg, Catholic priest from the parent parish of St. Joseph, Iowa, officiated at the ceremony. Fred Jensen was born in Germany and came to the United States about 1886. He was living in the area of West Bend when he and Elizabeth married.

Sometime in the spring of 1900, the Jensens moved to the town of Pocahontas, Iowa, where Fred opened a jewelry and watch repair business. On 25 June 1900, they were living in the town of Pocahontas with their son, Oscar, who was two years old. Elizabeth had two more children after 1900, but they died as infants. Oscar died at the age of sixteen in 1914.

Elizabeth's obituary had been saved among other clippings in a family scrapbook, but the name of the newspaper and the date of her death were not given. According to his gravestone, Fred Jensen was born in 1865 and died in 1954. Elizabeth died at Good Samaritan Home with services at the Presbyterian Church and was buried in Summit Hill Cemetery in Pocahontas, Iowa. Her gravestone gave her birth as 1870 and her death as 1958. Fred, Elizabeth, and Oscar are all buried in lot forty-six of block one in Summit Hill Cemetery.



Mary FEHLHAUER

Daughter of John FEHLHAUER and Barbara SCHALLER
Wife of Charles COLLINSON

Mary Fehlhauer was born circa May 1873/1874 to John C. Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller near West Bend, Iowa. This date came from the 1900 census and can only be taken as a approximate date. She grew up with her family, but it appears she may have spent a good deal of time with her aunt and uncle, Martin and Elizabeth Bonstetter. She was living with them in the 1880 Federal Census and the 1885 Iowa State Census. Also, the 1884 history of Kossuth County stated in regard to the Bonstetters, "They have no children, but Mary Faulkner [misspelling] lives with them." She probably stayed with them until they took into their home a foster son, Charlie Faschtor, whose year of arrival was between 1886 and 1895.

About 1893, Mary Fehlhauer married Charles Collinson. The exact date and place are unknown. Little is known of Charles except what was given in the 1900 census. They were living in Garfield Township of Kossuth County, and they had three small children. Charles was born in Illinois; he was a day laborer, and he had been unemployed for four months. In 1910 they were living in Fern Valley Township of Palo Alto County, and they had eight children: Edith, Edward, Robert, Bertha, Theodore, Clyde, Claud, and Verna. The family lived awhile in Louisiana to help improve Charles' health, but he died in 1917. He was buried in the West Bend cemetery. Mary's second marriage was to William Martin and her third to Speck, first name unknown. She died in 1940 and was buried in the West Bend cemetery.



Barbara FEHLHAUER

Daughter of John FEHLHAUER and Barbara SCHALLER
Wife of Edward BURRUS

Barbara Fehlhauer was born to John C. Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller circa June 1875. This only clue to her birth date came from the 1900 Federal Census. She married Edward H. Burrus on 14 June 1895 at Emmetsburg, Iowa.* The marriage was officiated by J.

L. Crose, Justice of the Peace. Edward was twenty-six and Barbara nineteen at the time of their marriage. In the 1900 census, Edward and Barbara were living next to her sister and husband, Charles and Mary Collinson, in Garfield Township, Kossuth County, Iowa. They had two small children in 1900, Anna and Marie. They very possibly had more children, but that information is unknown. In 1916 they were living in or near Benton Harbor, Michigan, because that place was given as Barbara's address in her mother's 1916 obituary. Nothing else is known about the Burrus family or any of their possible descendants.



Susan FEHLHAUER

Daughter of John FEHLHAUER and Barbara SCHALLER
Wife of John KOELLER

Susan Fehlhauer was born to John C. Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller circa June 1878 near West Bend. In 1880 she was living with her family in West Bend Township of Palo Alto County, Iowa. On 14 September 1897* she and John F. Koeller were married in West Bend. (See photo #100.) Father O'Reilly, the first resident pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, officiated at their marriage. John was twenty-six years old and Susan was nineteen. Susie's father signed their marriage license obtained on 2 September 1897.*

Very little is known about the Koeller family. They were not found in any pertinent census records. From descendants of the Jacob Fehlhauer family and from a 1916 letter written by Susie to her cousin, Joe Schaller, it is known that the Koellers also went to Marquis, Saskatchewan, as did brothers Jacob and Andrew Fehlhauer. Descendants of the Jacob Fehlhauer family report that Koellers had these children: Carl, Leo, Ralph and Barbara, (twins) and Mamie. The whereabouts of these and any other possible children and their descendants is unknown.

Again, from descendants of the Jacob Fehlhauer family, it was learned that Carl, who was living with his grandparents in 1910, died of the flu in 1918. Susie, whose 1916 letter shows her sense of responsibility to her elderly mother met an early and tragic death. Susie and son, Carl, were in a train wreck near Minot, North Dakota, on their way to or from West Bend. Carl was not injured, but Susie's back was broken. She was taken to Minneapolis and was cared for by a nurse and family members. From June to

December of 1917, Catherine Fehlhauer, a daughter of Jacob Fehlhauer of Marquis, cared for her. Susie died about two years after the accident. Carl went back to help his brother, Leo, farm near Marquis. He died of the flu in 1918. It's possible the Koeller family left the Marquis area and returned to the United States, but the area is not known.



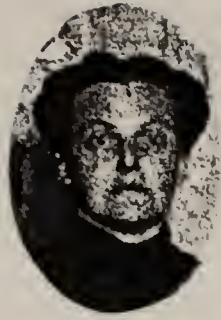
Margaret FEHLHAUER

Daughter of John FEHLHAUER and Barbara SCHALLER
Wife of Michael W. JOYNT

Margaret Fehlhauer was born circa March 1880 near West Bend, Iowa, to John C. Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller. In the 1880 census taken on 7 June of that year, Margaret was listed as three months old and born in March. She married Michael William Joynt on 2 May 1905* at West Bend, Iowa. Father Paul Dobberstein, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in West Bend, officiated at the marriage. Michael was twenty-seven years old and Margaret twenty-five when they married.

Very little is known about this Joynt family. At one time, the family lived in the Faschtor house and worked for Joe Schaller. Even though they lived in the West Bend area, many descendants are not known to living members of the Schaller family. A relative from another Joynt line knew that Michael Joynt was a son of John Joynt and Roseann McNally and that Mike and Maggie had these children: Carl, Lucille, Regina, and Leroy.

The death dates and burial places of Mike and Maggie Joynt are not known. After Maggie's death, Mike married again and moved to Chicago.



Anna FEHLHAUER

Daughter of John FEHLHAUER and Barbara SCHALLER
Wife of Peter MOLITOR

The last known child born to John C. Fehlhauer and Barbara Schaller was Anna born circa January 1882 near West Bend, Iowa. In the 1900 census she was living with her parents and older sister, Maggie, at their home near West Bend. She was eighteen years old at that time.

She married Peter Molitor, date and place unknown. In 1916 when Anna's mother died, Anna was living at Benton Harbor, Michigan, the same place as her sister, Barbara Burrus. Nothing else is known about Anna or any descendants she may have had.

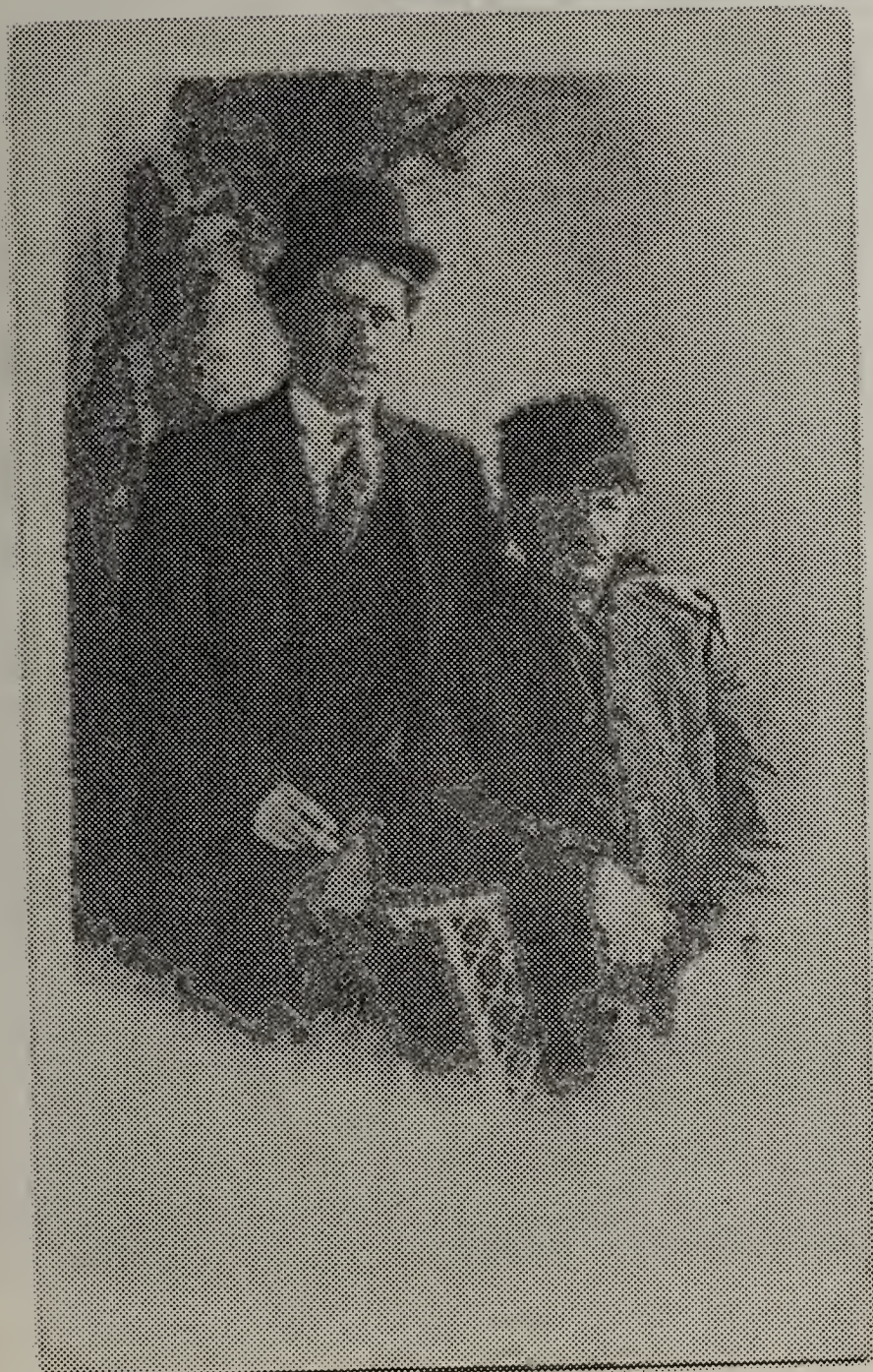
Photos of
Barbara (SCHALLER) FEHLHAUER and her Family

- #88 The Barbara Fehlhauer family, ca. 1912. Back: Mary Collinson, Barbara Burrus, Andrew, Jacob, Susie Koeller, Elizabeth Jensen. Front: Anna Molitor, Barbara Fehlhauer, Maggie Joynt.
- #89 Gravestone of John and Barbara Fehlhauer, Catholic cemetery of West Bend, Ia. "Barbara Fehlhauer Born Oct. 28, 1843 Died Sept. 28, 1916." (She was actually born 25 Oct 1843.) "J.C. Fehlhauer Born Jan. 15, 1832 Died Mar. 7, 1912."
- #90 Albert Laves (friend) and Jacob Fehlhauer, 1911, Canada.
- #91 Andy Fehlhauer, ca. 1960, at age ninety-two.
- #92 The Jacob Fehlhauer family leaving West Bend, Ia., by boxcar for Marquis, Saskatchewan, April 1905. 1. Josephine F. 2. Catherine F. 3. Carl F. 4. Henry F. 5. Louis F. 6. Clara 7. Jacob F. 8. John Detterman 9. Smitty the Barber. Others: men who worked for Jacob Fehlhauer.
- #93 Jacob Fehlhauer's building-moving business near Marquis, Sask.
- #94 Henry Fehlhauer, ca. 1917, son of Jacob and Josephine.
- #95 Louis Fehlhauer, 1915, son of Jacob and Josephine.
- #96 Jacob Fehlhauer's crew by a steam engine, 1912. 1. Jacob F. 3. Henry F. 7. Louis F.
- #97 Jacob Fehlhauer's building-moving business, 1919, Marquis, Sask. 2. Louis F.
- #98 Andrew Fehlhauer and Alice Collinson wedding photo, 1893, West Bend, Ia.
- #99 Frederick Jensen and Elizabeth Fehlhauer wedding photo, 1894, West Bend, Ia.
- #100 John Koeller and Susan Fehlhauer wedding photo, 1897, West Bend, Ia.





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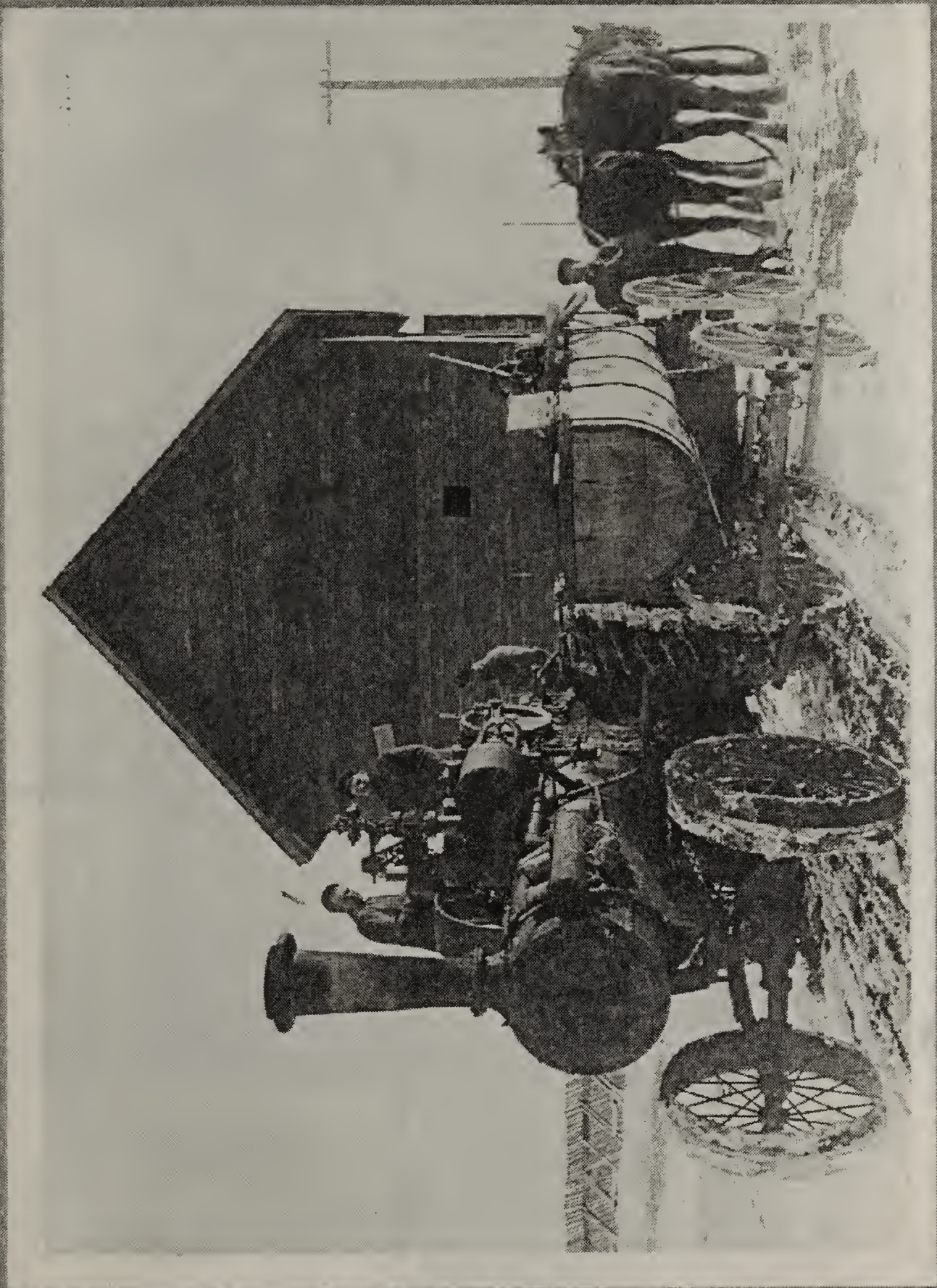
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Barbara **SCHALLER**

Born: 25 October 1843 at Schilligkau, Bohemia.
Married: John C. **FEHLHAUER** (15 Jan 1832-7 Mar 1912) circa 1868,
possibly Dyersville, Iowa.
Died: 28 September 1916 in West Bend, Iowa.
Buried: 1 October 1916 in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery,
West Bend, Iowa.

- I. Jacob **FEHLHAUER** b. 27 Sept 1868, West Bend Twp., Palo Alto County, Ia.
m. Josephine **RESLHUBER** (16 Dec 1872-10 Nov 1922) on 15 Nov 1892, Emmetsburg, Ia.
d. Nov of 1919, Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.
bur. Nov of 1919, Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.
ch. A. Louis J. **FEHLHAUER** b. 26 May 1893, West Bend Twp., Palo Alto Co., Ia.
m. SINGLE
d. 29 Mar 1968.
bur.
B. Henry Martin **FEHLHAUER** b. 14 Sept 1894, West Bend Twp., Palo Alto Co., Ia.
m. Mary Jane "Marie" **FORSYTH** (16 July 1900) on 9 Jan 1921.
d. 8 July 1963, Richmond, British Columbia, Can.
bur. Forest Lawn Cem., Burnaby, B.C.
ch: 1. Carl Henry **FEHLHAUER** b. 7 Sept 1935, Prince Albert, Sask., Can.
m. Jacqueline Kay **SMITH** (9 Dec 1934).
d.
bur.
ch: a. Stephan Thomas **FELHAUER**
b. 23 Dec 1960,
New Westminster, B.C., Can.
m. Elaine Annette **FEHR** (27 May 1957) on 15 Sept 1990, Tumbler Ridge, B.C., Can.
b. Douglas Henry **FELHAUER**
b. 6 Oct 1962, Dawson Creek, B.C., Can.
m. Mary **KINZIE REA** (24 Sept 1948) on 4 Oct 1984.
c. Michael John **FELHAUER** b. 3 Dec 1963, Dawson Creek, B.C., Can.
2. Harold Edward **FELHAUER** b. 19 Jan 1939, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Margareta **WASILEWSKA** on 1 May 1961, Bellingham, Wa.
d.

bur.

ch: a. Tina Carmen **FELHAUER** b. 17 Feb 1962, New Westminster, B.C., Can.

m. Clinton Allen **BEVANS** (18 Mar 1952) on 13 Oct 1990, Port Coquitlam, B.C. Can.

ch: (1) Kristen **BEVANS** b. 1978, MacKenzie, B.C. (Clint's child)
(2) Brandon **BEVANS** b. 1980, MacKenzie, B.C. (Clint's child)

b. Ross Henry **FELHAUER** b. 17 Oct 1963, New Westminster, B.C., Can.

d. 4 Nov 1981.

bur.

C. Catherine Barbara **FEHLHAUER** b. 4 Dec 1897, West Bend Twp., Palo Alto Co., Ia.

m. Michael **THUL** (5 July 1895-10 Feb 1962) on 12 Jan 1921.

d.

bur.

ch: 1. Eugene Bernard **THUL** b. 14 Feb 1922.

m. Maxine **SMART** (22 Feb 1927) on 9 Apr 1958.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Dennis **THUL** b. 7 Apr 1954.

b. Robert **THUL** b. 25 Sept 1958.

c. Maria **THUL** b. 24 Sept 1960.

d. James **THUL** b. 7 Aug 1961.

2. Raymond Thomas **THUL** b. 26 May 1923.

m. Beatrice **LUDVICKSON** (26 Apr 1937) on 12 Nov 1960.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Richard **THUL** b. 17 Aug 1961.

b. Michael **THUL** b. 18 Nov 1962.

3. Gertrude **THUL** b. 10 Feb 1927.

m. Earle James **McCARTNEY** (11 Apr 1915-9 June 1989) on 22 July 1959.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Brent **McCARTNEY** b. 21 Mar 1964.

4. Gordon Joseph **THUL** b. 16 Apr 1933.

m. Shirley **NUTZHORN** (16 Apr 1936) on 7 Sept 1955.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Gary **THUL** b. 16 Mar 1956.

- b. Wayne THUL b. 14 May 1957.
 - c. Vern THUL b. 17 Oct 1958.
 - d. Lori THUL b. 25 Nov 1960.
 - e. Drew THUL b. 4 Sept 1964.
 - f. Sheila THUL b. 3 Apr 1966.
- D. Anna Margaret FEHLHAUER b. 7 June 1899, West Bend Twp., Palo Alto Co., Ia.
 d. July 1899, West Bend, Ia.
 bur. Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, West Bend, Ia.
- E. Clara Elizabeth FEHLHAUER b. 3 Aug 1903, West Bend Twp., Palo Alto Co., Ia.
 m. 1st William John HENDERSON (9 Nov 1897-27 Apr 1950) on 14 Nov 1923, Moose Jaw, Sask., B.C., Can.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: 1. Clifford Earl HENDERSON b. 7 Oct 1924, Marquis, Sask., Can.
 m. Norma BRUNSKILL (29 Mar 1923) on 27 Apr. 1946, Vancouver, B.C., Can.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. William Earl HENDERSON b. 16 May 1951, Vancouver, B.C., Can.
 d. 29 June 1951.
 bur.
 b. Fay Marie HENDERSON b. 1 Nov 1953, Burnaby, B.C., Can.
 m. James David MILLER (26 Oct 1951) on 18 Oct 1975, Vancouver, B.C., Can.
 ch: (1) Belinda Fay MILLER
 b. 25 Aug 1980,
 Burnaby, B.C., Can.
 (2) Tyler James MILLER
 b. 23 Dec 1982,
 Burnaby, B.C., Can.
 c. Lesley Roy HENDERSON b. 12 Jan 1955, Burnaby, B.C., Can.
 m. Karen Louise SCHOLES (25 Oct 1955) on 23 May 1981, Vancouver, B.C., Can.
- 2. Doreen Ethel HENDERSON b. 6 Jan 1926, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 m. Roy Edwin SPENCER (22 Sept 1925-15 Nov 1987) on 9 Oct 1954, Vancouver, B.C., Can. Div.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Larry Roy SPENCER b. 14 May 1958, Tacoma, Wa.
 m. Cheryl Ladawn DOVE (18 June 1963.

- ch: (1) Cameron Lee SPENCER
b. 30 July 1982,
Bellevue, Wa.
(2) Brendan Ray SPENCER
b. 26 Oct 1983,
Bellevue, Wa.
(3) Lindsay Renee SPENCER
b. 20 Feb 1985,
Bellevue, Wa.

3. Kenneth Roy HENDERSON b. 14 June 1935,
Marquis, Sask., Can.
m. 1st Marliss Lorraine McINTYRE (5 Feb
1938) on 13 Oct 1956, Bellingham, Wa.
d.
bur.

ch: a. Lorraine Anne HENDERSON
b. 9 Dec 1957, Vancouver, B.C.,
Can.

m. Scott James SEDDON
(16 Nov 1955) on 9 June 1979,
Burnaby, B.C., Can.

- ch: (1) Chantal Lorraine
SEDDON
b. 18 Dec 1985,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.
(2) Colton Scott SEDDON
b. 9 Dec 1989,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.

b. Sandra Lynne HENDERSON b. 22
Sept 1959, Vancouver, B.C., Can.
m. Gary Allan LAMB (7 Nov 1953)
on 5 Oct 1984, Burnaby, B.C.,
Can.

ch: (1) Richelle Ashley LAMB
b. 17 Nov 1986,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.

Kenneth Roy HENDERSON

m. 2nd Beverley Anne WHITTY (15 Jan 1942)

ch: c. Stephan HENDERSON b. 2 May 1969,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.

d. Glen HENDERSON b. 9 June 1972,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.

Clara Elizabeth FEHLHAUER

m. 2nd Walter Fredrick BARNSELY (d. 1963).

F. Loretta May FEHLHAUER b. 29 Oct 1905, Marquis,
Saskatchewan, Can.

m. Anthony Harold MAY, Jr. (6 Aug 1895-14 Feb
1969) on 17 Dec 1926, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

d.
bur.

ch: 1. Lorne Richard MAY b. 7 Nov 1927, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.

- m. Grace Louise **BROWN** (22 Oct 1930) on
26 Mar 1949, Vancouver, B.C., Can.
d.
bur.
- ch: a. Douglas Lyle **MAY** b. 20 Nov 1949,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.
m. Caroline Marie **BYRNE**
(11 Sept 1953) on 7 Sept 1974,
Burnaby, B.C., Can.
ch: (1) Liam Robert **MAY**
b. 3 May 1979,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.
(2) Kristoffer Alan **MAY**
b. 2 Apr 1981,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.
(3) Erin Marie **MAY**
b. 8 Apr 1983,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.
- b. Gordon Stuart **MAY** b. 3 Apr 1951,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.
m. Lois **MANKY** (9 Jan 1957) on
16 Oct 1976, Surrey, B.C., Can.
ch: (1) Lisa Le-Anne **MAY** b. 13
Feb 1977, Surrey, B.C.
(2) Melodie Joy **MAY** b. 30
May 1981, Surrey, B.C.
(3) Carrie Ann Louise **MAY**
b. 9 Dec 1982,
Surrey, B.C.
(4) William Richard **MAY**
b. 22 Mar 1984,
Surrey, B.C.
- c. Steven Allen **MAY** b. 31 May 1956,
Vancouver, B.C., Can.
2. Gerald Eric **MAY** b. 21 Jan 1929, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. 1st Dorothy **LALONDE** (30 Sept 1931) on
27 Oct 1951, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can. Div.
d.
bur.
- ch: a. Joyce Yvette **MAY** b. 8 Jan
1953, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. John Michael **PANKO** (17 Mar
1956) on 19 Nov 1977. Div. 1991.
ch: (1) Darci Michelle **PANKO**
b. 19 Sept 1979,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
(2) Dana Marie **PANKO**
b. Apr 1981, Edmonton,
Alb., Can.
- b. Kenneth Harold **MAY** b. 22 Mar
1956, Edmonton, Alb., Can.

m. 1st Melanie RISTOCK
(4 June 1956) on 26 Mar 1979.
m. 2nd Diane DESHARNAIS (11 July
1958).

ch: (1) Colin Douglas MAY
b. 26 July 1982,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
(2) Nicole Laura
DESHARNAIS b. 18 Mar
1985, Edmonton, Alb.
(3) Pamela Dawn MAY b.
19 Mar 1986, Edmonton,
Alb., Can.
(4) Eliza Marie DESHARNAIS
b. 7 Apr 1989,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.

c. Garth A. MAY b. 22 May 1964,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.

Gerald Eric MAY

m. 2nd Karen Lee L'HEUREUX

3. Mervyn Harold MAY b. 16 June 1930,
Tuxford, Sask., Can.

m. Dorothy F. WINDSOR (2 Dec 1934) on
18 June 1954, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

d.
bur.

ch: a. Carolyn Joy MAY b. 6 Aug 1959,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Gordon HILL (29 Sept 1956)
on 28 Apr 1990, Moose Jaw,
Sask., Can.
ch: (1) Justin William HILL
b. 16 Nov 1990, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.
b. Wayde Mervyn MAY b. 24 Aug 1962,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Theresa RUSSELL (2 May 1963)
on 22 June 1991, Moose Jaw,
Sask., Can.
c. Bradley Warren MAY b. 23 June
1964, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Tammy Lee Ann MATHER
(4 Nov 1966).

ch: (1) Brock Bradley MAY b.
3 Jan 1985, Moose Jaw,
Sask., Can.
(2) Ashley Lee Ann MAY
b. 30 Nov 1987,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

4. Donald Louis MAY b. 8 Aug 1932, Tuxford,
Sask., Can.

m. Doreen Katherine ROSKE (11 Mar 1934)

on 19 June 1953, North Battleford,
Sask., Can.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Barry Louis **MAY** b. 11 Apr 1954,
Regina, Sask., Can.
m. Sharon Lynn **STROEDER** on
22 June 1974, Saskatoon, Sask.,
Can.

ch: (1) Amanda Lynn **MAY**
b. 24 Dec 1974,
Weyburn, Sask., Can.

(2) Jennifer Lynn **MAY**
b. 10 Aug 1978,
Weyburn, Sask., Can.

b. Karen Lynn **MAY** b. 16 Aug 1960,
Regina, Sask., Can.

m. Brian Thomas **CARLSON**
(25 Oct 1954) on 7 Nov 1982,
Weyburn, Sask., Can.

ch: (1) Christofer Donald
CARLSON b. 23 Dec
1983, Weyburn, Sask.

(2) Daniel Thomas **CARLSON**
b. 5 June 1985,
Weyburn, Sask. Can.

(3) Travis Brian **CARLSON**
b. 23 June 1988,
Weyburn, Sask., Can.

5. Ruth Eileen **MAY** b. 31 Jan 1935, Tuxford,
Saskatchewan, Can.

m. 1st Robert **WATTERSON** on 18 Mar 1955.

d.

bur.

m. 2nd Melvin Lelend **BATHGATE** (11 Jan
1933) on 6 July 1991, Vancouver, B.C.

ch: none

6. Garth "Orval" **MAY** b. 20 May 1938,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

m. Marion Janet **WILLISON** (25 May 1933)
on 6 July 1959, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Garth Willison **MAY** b. 19 Apr
1964, Wolseley, Sask., Can.

b. Sharon Louise **MAY** b. 20 Feb
1966, Wolseley, Sask., Can.

c. Leslie Harold **MAY** b. 18 Feb
1969, Wolseley, Sask., Can.

7. Merle "Elaine" **MAY** b. 21 Feb 1943,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

m. Merlin Duff **WALLER** (1 Feb 1939) on

4 Aug 1961, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Kevin Merlin **WALLER** b. 14 Mar 1963, Regina, Sask., Can.
b. Anthony Roger **WALLER** b. 26 Oct 1971, Regina, Sask., Can.
c. By adoption Susan Lynn **WALLER** b. 1 Aug 1974, Fort McMurray, B.C., Can.

8. Keith Arnold "Joe" **MAY** b. 7 Mar 1946, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Gloria Ann **MUNDY** (14 Oct 1945) on 1 July 1967, Wolseley, Sask., Can.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Kim Irene **MAY** b. 27 Sept 1970, Calgary, Alb., Can.
b. Curtis Duncan **MAY** b. 9 Dec 1973, Calgary, Alb., Can.

G. Helen M. **FEHLHAUER** b. 2 June 1907, Marquis, Saskatchewan, Can.
m. Joseph **LALONDE** (3 March 1904-8 Feb 1946) on 3 Jan 1928, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Can.
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Ethel Lois **LALONDE** b. 14 June 1929, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Ernest James **FRANKS** (8 Dec 1927) on 27 June 1950, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Beverly Lynne **FRANKS** b. 27 Feb 1952, Moose Jaw, Sask.
m. Brian George **RODWELL** (19 May 1950) on 13 June 1970, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
ch: (1) Jason Bradley **RODWELL** b. 25 Oct 1970, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
(2) Stacy Lynne **RODWELL** b. 28 Nov 1973, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

b. Brenda Gail **FRANKS** b. 12 Dec 1953, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Dennis Charles **SPIDLA** (19 May 1952) on 1 Feb 1975, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
ch: (1) Kelly Leeann **SPIDAL** 31 May 1975, Moose

- Jaw, Sask., Can.
- (2) Kerri Dawn **SPIDLA**
b. 9 July 1977,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 - (3) Jamie Charles **SPIDLA**
b. 24 Mar 1981, Moose
- c. Gary James **FRANKS** b. 17 June
1956, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Denise **SYMONS** (6 July 1959)
on 1 June 1979, Moose Jaw, Sask.
ch: (1) Mindy Nicole **FRANKS**
b. 21 Dec 1978
Moose Jaw Sask., Can.
 - (2) Christy Lynn **FRANKS**
b. 22 Sept 1981,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

d. Glenda May **FRANKS** b. 20 Oct
1959, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Timothy Thomas **ARNOTT**
(25 Apr 1959) on 23 May 1981,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
ch: (1) Justin Thomas **ARNOTT**
b. 24 Oct 1981, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.
 - (2) Tyler James **ARNOTT**
b. 15 Nov 1984,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

2. Anna Marguerite "Peggy" **LALONDE** b. 23 May
1930, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
m. Ernest **HAMELIN** on 25 Aug 1947, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Donald Leslie **HAMELIN** b. 10 Feb
1948, Regina, Sask., Can.
m. Carol Irene **JOHNER**
(11 Mar 1948) on 2 May 1970,
Lloydminster, Alb., Can.
ch. (1) Debra Marie **HAMELIN**
b. 28 Dec 1968,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
m. Bryan **FRIEDEL** on
18 June 1989.
 - (2) Christopher Jason
HAMELIN b. 21 Sept
1970, Edmonton, Alb.
 - (3) Ryan Michael **HAMELIN**
b. 1 Dec 1971, Brooks,
Alb., Can.
 - (4) Sean Warren **HAMELIN**
b. 25 Nov 1972,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.

- (5) Amanda Dawn **HAMELIN** b.
15 July 1979,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
 - b. Joseph Earl **HAMELIN** b. 8 Oct
1950, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 - m. Barbara Penelope **HAWKINS**
(16 Sept 1951) on 10 Nov 1973,
Sherwood Park, Alb., Can.
 - ch: (1) Jennifer Lynn **HAMELIN**
b. 27 Nov 1976,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
 - (2) Michael Joseph **HAMELIN**
b. 8 May 1979,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
 - (3) Gregory James **HAMELIN**
b. 17 Oct 1981,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
 - (4) Kathleen Marie **HAMELIN**
b. 26 Oct 1991,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
 - c. Judy Ann **HAMELIN** b. 29 Apr 1954,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
 - m. Bryan Leonard **FRASCH**
(18 June 1951) on 5 Feb 1972,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
 - ch: (1) Randall Scott **FRASCH**
b. 1972, Edmonton,
Alb., Can.
 - (2) Terri Lynn **FRASCH**
b. 1974, Edmonton,
Alb. Can.
3. Dorothy Helen **LALONDE** b. 30 Sept 1931,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
- m. Gerald **MAY** (21 Jan 1929) on 27 Oct
1951, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can. Div. 1981.
- d.
bur.
- ch: a. Joyce Yvette **MAY** b. 8 Jan 1953,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
- m. John Michael **PANKO** (17 Mar
1956) on 19 Nov 1977. Div. 1991.
- ch: (1) Darci Michelle **PANKO**
b. 19 Sept 1979,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
- (2) Dana Marie **PANKO**
b. Apr 1981,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
- b. Kenneth Harold **MAY** b. 22 Mar
1956, Edmonton, Alb. Can.
- m. 1st Melanie **RISTOCK** (4 June
1956) on 26 Mar 1979.
- m. 2nd Diane **DESHARNAIS**

- (11 July 1958).
- ch: (1) Colin Douglas **MAY**
b. 26 July 1982,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
- (2) Nicole Laura
DESHARNAIS b. 18 Mar
1985, Edmonton, Alb.
- (3) Pamela Dawn **MAY**
b. 19 Mar 1986,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
- (4) Elisa Marie **DESHARNAIS**
b. 7 Apr 1989,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
- c. Garth A. **MAY** b. 22 May 1964,
Edmonton, Alb., Can.
4. Robert Paul **LALONDE** b. 15 Jan 1933,
Marquis, Sask., Can.
- m. Shirley **JENNER** (7 Nov 1934) on
27 Apr 1954.
- d.
bur.
- ch: a. Michael Allen **LALONDE** b.
8 Nov 1955, Moose Jaw, Sask.
- m. Janet Marie **FROEHLICH**
(30 July 1957) on 21 June 1979.
- ch: (1) Amanda Dawn **LALONDE**
b. 10 Apr 1982,
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
- (2) Daniel Joseph **LALONDE**
b. 3 Mar 1985, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.
- (3) Bradley David **LALONDE**
b. 7 May 1987, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.
- b. Murray Joseph **LALONDE** b. 28 Aug
1958, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
- m. Rhonda **AUSTIN** (28 Sept 1959)
on 28 July 1979, Moose Jaw,
Sask., Can.
- ch: (1) Jennifer Helen **LALONDE**
b. 29 Jan 1980, Moose
Jaws, Sask., Can.
- (2) Jessica Lynn **LALONDE**
b. 17 Nov 1982, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.
- (3) Christy Nicole **LALONDE**
b. 15 Aug 1984, Moose
Jaw, Sask., Can.
- c. Sherry Lynn **LALONDE** b. 14 Feb
1968, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
5. Thomas Andrew **LALONDE** b. 9 Nov 1934,
Tuxford, Sask., Can.

m. E. Louise KERN on 16 May 1964.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Peter A. LALONDE b. 25 Nov
 1966, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 b. Frederick J. LALONDE b. 8 Apr
 1969, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 6. Yvonne Ellen LALONDE b. 9 Feb 1940,
 Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 m. Ralph DAVIDSON on 3 June 1960.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Gregg DAVIDSON (deceased)
 b. Jeff DAVIDSON
 c. Brian DAVIDSON
 7. William Eugene LALONDE b. 3 Apr 1944,
 Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 m. Ruth VIRTUE in Feb 1966, Moose Jaw,
 Sask., Can. Div. 1988.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Lori May LALONDE b. 31 July
 1966, Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 b. Susan Lynn LALONDE b. 27 July
 1971, Medicine Hat, Alb., Can.
 c. Sandra Gayle LALONDE b. 27
 May 1974, Medicine Hat, Alb.
 H. M. Magdalene FEHLHAUER b. 16 Dec 1908, Marquis,
 Saskatchewan, Can.
 m. Howard LOCKWOOD (d. 19 Jan 1971) in June 1938.
 d. 22 Mar 1978.
 bur. Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.
 ch: 1. Donald LOCKWOOD b. 1 Jan 1939.
 d. Apr 1966.
 bur.
 m. SINGLE
 2. Joan LOCKWOOD 15 June 1940.
 d. May 1968.
 bur.
 m. SINGLE
 3. Gary LOCKWOOD
 b. 6 Aug 1941.
 d.
 bur.
 m. SINGLE
 I. A. Josephine FEHLHAUER b. 2 Feb 1910,
 West Bend, Ia.
 m. Robert FLEMING (d. ?) in Oct 1958.
 d. 15 Sept 1979.
 bur. Teslin, Yukon Territory.
 ch: none
 J. Walter F. FEHLHAUER b. 28 Dec 1912, Marquis,

Saskatchewan, Can.

m. Hazel **BEATON** (30 Oct 1916-19 Sept 1976) in
Oct 1938.

d.

bur.

ch: 1. By adoption Dennis **FELHAUER** b. 29 June
1944.

m. Mary on 29 June 1968, Dawson
Creek, B.C.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Dale **FELHAUER** b. 20 Mar 1969,
Dawson Creek, B.C.

b. Jason **FELHAUER** b. 2 June 1970,
Dawson Creek, B.C.

2. Jody **FELHAUER** b. 15 Mar 1949.

m. Darryl **CLAY** 5 Dec 1970.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Trevor **CLAY** b. 4 May 1972.

b. Kimberly **CLAY** b. 30 Aug 1973.

c. Curtis **CLAY** b. 7 Jan 1979.

3. Wayne **FELHAUER** b. 30 Jan 1951.

m. SINGLE

d.

bur.

4. Lois **FELHAUER** b. 2 Sept 1952.

d.

bur.

5. Bruce **FELHAUER** b. 28 June 1954.

d. 17 Apr 1966.

II. Andrew C. **FEHLHAUER** b. circa 1869-1870, West Bend Twp.,
Palo Alto Co., Ia.

m. Alice Cordelia **COLLINSON** (circa Mar 1871-circa 1956) on
23 Apr 1893 at West Bend, Ia.*

d. 1964.

bur. Riverview Cemetery, Algona, Ia.

ch: A. Carl V. **FEHLHAUER** b. circa Oct 1896. Lt. in
U.S. Air Force.

m. SINGLE

d. in Europe during World War I.

bur. unknown.

III. Elizabeth **FEHLHAUER** b. circa Feb 1870/1871, West Bend Twp.,
Palo Alto Co., Ia.

m. Frederick P. **JENSEN** (1865-1954) on 12 Sept 1894,
West Bend, Ia.*

d. 1958.

bur. Summit Hill Cemetery, Pocahontas, Ia.

ch: A. NAME UNKNOWN

d. as an infant

B. Oscar **JENSEN** b. circa Dec 1897.

d. 1914, age sixteen.

bur. Summit Hill Cemetery, Pocahontas, Ia.

C. NAME UNKNOWN
d. as an infant

D. NAME UNKNOWN
d. as an infant

IV. Mary FEHLHAUER b. May 1873/1874, West Bend Twp., Palo Alto Co., Ia.
m. 1st Charles Marston COLLINSON (14 July 1869-1917).
d. 1940.
bur. West Bend, Ia.

ch: A. Edith Adella COLLINSON b. 11 Nov 1893 or 1894, Kossuth Co., Ia.
m. Anthony JANDL (22 July 1881-21 Oct 1971)
on 4 Mar 1912, Algona, Ia.
d. 12 Sept 1969.
bur. Algona, Ia.

ch: 1. Edith JANDL b. 23 Dec 1913, Burt, Ia.
m. Mennet TRUNKHILL 1 May 1931, Chicago.
d. 22 Oct 1959.
bur.
ch: a. Marilyn TRUNKHILL m. SYDNESS
b. Richard TRUNKHILL
c. Delores TRUNKHILL m. WESTON
d. Norita TRUNKHILL m. DRAB
e. Jack TRUNKHILL
f. Catherine TRUNKHILL m. HANSEN
g. Charles TRUNKHILL
h. Tom TRUNKHILL

2. Anthony JANDL b. 17 Dec 1914, Algona, Ia.
m. Rosella SCHRADER.
d. 29 Oct 1942.
bur.
ch: a. Delilah JANDL b. 12 Oct 1942.
m. PETERS.

3. Eugene JANDL b. 8 Oct 19??, Kossuth Co., Ia.
m. Mildred NELSON (9 Nov 1915) on 4 Aug 1973.
d. 3 May 1982.
bur.

4. Elda JANDL b. 2 Oct 1916, Burt, Ia.
m. Clarence DIERS (19 May 1910-28 Sept 1976) on 20 Jan 1941, Algona, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Beverly DIERS b. 27 June 1941, Bancroft, Ia.
m. Clifford CURTIS in Alexandria, Va.
ch: (1) Donna CURTIS
b. 2 Jan 1961.
m. Roger BRUNS.

ch: (a) Jeramiah
BRUNS
b. 22 May
1984.

(b) Elijah BRUNS
b. 5 Aug
1987.

(c) Alisia BRUNS
b. 8 Nov
1990.

(2) Theresa CURTIS
b. 25 June 1963.
m. Larry HEBERLEN
ch: (a) Cody
HEBERLEN
b. 13 July
1980.

(b) Megan
HEBERLEN
b. 25 Feb
1990.

(3) Valerie CURTIS
b. 31 July 1967.
m. Rod NELSON.

(4) Spencer CURTIS
b. 23 Nov 1972.

(5) Wesley CURTIS
b. 11 Jan 1982.

b. Donald DIERS b. 5 Dec 1942,
Titonka, Ia.
m. Kathleen FINLEY (13 Oct 1950)
on 12 Sept 1970, Bancroft, Ia.
ch: (1) Sandra DIERS
b. 4 Aug 1971.

(2) Christine DIERS
b. 11 Dec 1973.

(3) Barbara DIERS
b. 24 Nov 1975.

(4) Kimberly DIERS
b. 26 Feb 1980.

c. Duane DIERS b. 9 July 1944,
Burt, Ia.
m. Joyce TALZMAN.
ch: (1) Amanda Jo
b. 13 Oct 1982.

(2) Chad TALZMAN.

(3) Sheila CHRISTENSEN.

d. Marie DIERS b. 26 Feb 1946,
Bancroft, Ia.
m. Terry COOK (16 Apr 1944) on
20 Apr 1968, Bancroft, Ia.
ch: (1) Monica Lynn COOK

- b. 5 Dec 1968.
 - (2) Sheila Marie COOK
b. 17 June 1970.
 - (3) Douglas Kenneth COOK
b. 24 June 1973.
 - (4) Joseph Allen COOK
b. 16 Oct 1975.
 - e. Gerald DIERS b. 18 Feb 1950,
Bancroft, Ia.
 - f. Patricia DIERS b. 9 Jan 1956,
Estherville, Ia.
m. Robert MILLER.
ch: (1) Stephanie Marie MILLER
b. 24 Jan 1992.
 - g. Bonnie DIERS b. 11 Mar 1958,
Estherville, Ia.
m. Edward Julius LAYHER (23 Aug
1956) on 22 Aug 1981,
Bancroft, Ia.
ch: (1) Amber Lynn LAYHER
b. 7 Sept 1982.
(2) Christopher Edward
LAYHER b. 7 Apr 1985.
(3) Derek Lee LAYHER
b. 10 Nov 1987.
- 5. Alvina JANDL b. 1918.
d. 1918.
- 6. Loreen JANDL b. 12 Oct 1922, Kossuth Co.,
Ia.
m. Hanford BROCK (22 Apr 1920- 25 Jun
1989) on 9 Mar 1942.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Michael Anthony BROCK b. 21 July
1948.
- 7. Lavina JANDL b. 13 May 1926, Kossuth Co.
m. George SENGBUSCH on 5 Mar 1951.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Gary SENGBUSCH b. 19 May 1948.
b. Darwin SENGBUSCH b. 26 Jan 1953.
- 8. Robert JANDL b. 21 Mar 1929, Kossuth Co.
m. Alice RENICKER on 5 Mar 1951.
d. 1 Apr 1977.
bur.
ch: a. Steve JANDL.
b. Cindy JANDL.
c. Kathy JANDL.
d. John JANDL.
e. Debbie JANDL.
f. Terry JANDL.

B. Edward R. COLLINSON b. 12 Jan 1895, Garfield

Twp. Kossuth Co., Ia.
 m. **LARSON** (26 Nov 1888-16 May 1959).
 d.
 bur.
 ch: 1. Margaret **COLLINSON** m. **NISSEN**.
 2. Carl **COLLINSON**.
 C. Robert C. **COLLINSON** b. 5 Dec 1897, Garfield Twp.,
 Kossuth Co., Ia.
 m. Violet **RAREY**.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: none
 D. Bertha Barbara **COLLINSON** b. 2 Apr 1902, Garfield
 Twp., Kossuth Co., Ia.
 m. Floyd **BILSBOROUGH** (21 June 1899-26 July 1952)
 on 28 Apr 1920, Algona, Ia.
 d. 10 Sept 1982, Algona, Ia.
 bur. Algona, Ia.
 ch: 1. Raymond **BILSBOROUGH** b. 12 July 1921,
 Algona, Ia.
 m. Patricia **WARD** (20 Nov 1934) on 30 Dec
 1961, Algona, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Sandra **BILSBOROUGH** b. 26 May
 1962, Algona, Ia.
 b. Laurie **BILSBOROUGH** b. 30 Aug
 1963, Algona, Ia.
 m. Lance **ZOOK** on 16 Feb 1991.
 2. Charles **BILSBOROUGH** b. 7 Nov 1922,
 Algona, Ia.
 m. Wilma **WHEELER** on 21 Nov 1942,
 Elgin, Ill.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Barbara Jean **BILSBOROUGH**
 b. 28 Oct 1943.
 m. Duane **GILBERT** on 1 May 1965.
 ch: (1) Daughter
 (2) Daughter
 b. Rosemary **BILSBOROUGH**
 b. 9 Mar 1945.
 m. Bob **WEBINGER** on 20 July
 1968. Div.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
 c. Pamela **BILSBOROUGH**
 m. Tom **McMASTER** on 10 Dec 1966.
 ch: (1) Daughter
 (2) Daughter
 3. Adeline **BILSBOROUGH** b. 29 Nov 1924,
 Algona, Ia.
 m. Adolph **OBERLANDER** on 14 Oct 1945.

- d. 20 Jan 1968.
bur.
ch: a. Robert
4. Joyce BILSBOROUGH b. 14 July 1926,
Algona, Ia.
m. John LAPPE on 27 Aug 1947,
Algona, Ia. Div.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Lynette LAPPE b. 6 July 1949,
Sioux City, Ia.
m. Rock JOHNSTON on 26 Aug 1972.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
b. Jean LAPPE b. 25 Sept 1953,
Sioux City, Ia.
m. Bruce MARSHALL on 20 May
1972.
ch: (1) Son
(2) Son
c. Sheila LAPPE b. 3 July 1960,
Sioux City, Ia.
m. Terry HALL on 11 July 1982.
ch: (1) Daughter
5. June BILSBOROUGH b. 29 Sept 1934, Algona,
Ia.
m. Walter DECKER on 11 Mar 1951.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Larry DECKER b. 12 Oct 1952,
Algona, Ia.
b. LuAnn DECKER b. 28 Nov 1954,
Algona, Ia.
m. Gary
c. Danny DECKER b. 29 Dec 1955,
Algona, Ia.
d. Diane DECKER b. 10 Feb 1958, Mn.
m. Sid
e. Kathy DECKER b. 7 May 1959, Mn.
f. David DECKER b. 11 July 1961,
Mn.
g. Vicky DECKER b. 1 Nov 1963, Mn.
m. Steve MACLARZEK on 29 Sept
1984.
- E. Theodore COLLINSON b. 10 June 1904, Garfield Twp.,
Kossuth Co., Ia.
m. Mary (d. June 1991) on 25 June 1925.
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Eva COLLINSON
2. Veda COLLINSON
m. Wayne SMITH
3. ?

- F. Clyde Thomas **COLLINSON** b. 22 Dec 1908, Garfield Twp., Kossuth Co., Ia.
 m. twice
 d. 19 Mar 1984, Omaha, Ne.
 bur. Silver City, Ia.
 ch: 1. Joyce **COLLINSON**
 m. Richard **THOMAS**
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
 2. Clyde **COLLINSON**
 m. Rosemary
 d.
 bur:
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
 3. Larry **COLLINSON**
 m. Nita
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
 4. Charles **COLLINSON**
 m. Brenda
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
 5. Laurence **COLLINSON**
 m. Mary Jo
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
 6. Carolyn **COLLINSON**
 m. Robert **MASS**
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
 7. Patty **COLLINSON**
 m. **ANDREWS**
 d.
 bur.
 ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
- G. Claud John **COLLINSON** b. 22 Dec 1908, Garfield Twp., Kossuth Co., Ia.
 d. 24 Jan 1909.
- H. Verna **COLLINSON**
 m. Fred **CZAPP** (17 June 1899-2 July 1982).
 d. 18 Feb 1983, Minneapolis, Mn.
 bur. Minneapolis, Mn.
 ch: 1. Adella May **CZAPP** b. 19 May 1925, Algona, Ia.
 m. Lowell Donald **BYLANDER** (16 Mar 1928)
 d.
 bur.

- ch: a. Larry Joe BYLANDER b. 5 Mar
1944, Minneapolis Mn.
m. Mary PRISLER.
b. Jeannine Peggy CZAPP b. 30 Dec
1945, Minneapolis, Mn.
m. Kenneth GOOKER.
c. Dexter Lee BYLANDER b. 15 Apr
1950, Minneapolis, Mn.,
m. Shirley LUNDALL.
d. Arlen James BYLANDER b. 18 Oct
1955, Minneapolis, Mn.

2. Kenneth CZAPP
m. SINGLE

- I. Hilda COLLINSON b. ?
d. ? (young)

Mary FEHLHAUER
m. 2nd William MARTIN
Mary FEHLHAUER
m. 3rd SPECK

- V. Barbara FEHLHAUER b. circa June 1875, West Bend Twp.,
Palo Alto Co., Ia.
m. Edward H. BURRUS on 14 June 1895 at Emmetsburg, Ia.*
d.
bur.

ch: A. Anna BURRUS b. circa June 1897, Kossuth Co., Ia.
B. Marie BURRUS b. circa Apr 1899, Kossuth Co., Ia.

- VI. Susan FEHLHAUER b. circa June 1878, West Bend Twp.,
Palo Alto Co., Ia.
m. John F. KOELLER on 14 Sept 1897 at West Bend, Ia.*
d. circa 1919.
bur.

ch: A. Carl KOELLER
d. circa 1918.
B. Leo KOELLER
C. Ralph KOELLER-twin
D. Barbara KOELLER-twin
E. Mamie KOELLER

- VII. Margaret FEHLHAUER b. circa Mar 1880, West Bend Twp.,
Palo Alto Co., Ia.
m. Michael William JOYNT on 2 May 1905, in West Bend, Ia.*
d.
bur.

ch: A. Carl JOYNT
m. Madge
B. Lucille JOYNT
m. Ray LUNN
C. Regina JOYNT
m. CHRISTINSON
D. Leroy JOYNT
m. Oral

- VIII. Anna FEHLHAUER b. circa Jan 1882, West Bend Twp., Palo Alto Co., Ia.
m. Peter MOLITOR after April of 1910.
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
- IX. Female child b. 18 Jan 1888.
d. unknown, but probably at or shortly after birth.

*Martin and Elizabeth (Schaller) Bonstetter
and
Their Foster Son*

Charles Jaschtor

Elizabeth SCHALLER

Daughter of George SCHALLER and Maria SANDHÖFNER

Wife of Martin BONSTETTER

In the following story of Elizabeth (Schaller) Bonstetter, two important documents found among family papers were used extensively to build her biography. In order to help clarify these sources, they will be described as follows:

1. TAUFSCHEIN No. 43--transcribed in German on 19 March 1868 by the pastor at Berg, Bohemia, home parish of the Schallers.
2. DECRET No. E: 588--transcribed in German on 21 March 1868 by the county official at Ronsperg, Bohemia.

Elizabeth Schaller was born in Schilligkau, Bohemia, to George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner. Her birth date, according to the document prepared on 19 March 1868, was 1 October 1846. This 1868 document entitled "Taufschein" (meaning certificate of baptism) was prepared by the parish priest at Berg, Bohemia, so Elizabeth could have the proper documentation for emigration to America. As in the case of the papers of Elizabeth's older sister, Mary Sellner, this record--valuable though it is because of its age and data--is not truly a primary document. The information stated in this document was extracted from baptismal records that had actually been recorded more than twenty years earlier. In the absence of other original records, any family researcher would feel very comfortable using the dates given in the 1868 document. But just to add a bit of doubt to an otherwise safe assumption, a date on still another document (DECRET No. E) dated 21 March 1868 stated she was twenty years old on 18 October 1866, not 1 October 1866. In order to remove all possibility of error, her actual birth or baptism document had to be obtained. After waiting nine months for a reply from the archives in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, the information did arrive shortly before publication. The document showed that Elizabeth Schaller was born on 1 October 1846.*

Before continuing with Elizabeth's biography, it might be appropriate to add here the interesting story of how these two documents came to light and the role they played in the development of the Schaller family history. These documents provided the single most important piece of data in the search for the Schaller family history. That data was the place of birth of Elizabeth, and thus her siblings: SCHILLIGKAU, Bohemia. In the mid to late 1970s when this researcher was first beginning to gather information from older relatives, no one could say where the Schallers originated. They could only say the Schallers were "Austrians." This vague, broad term was hardly adequate, because without a specific town, it is almost impossible to delve into the European arena of a family's history. Another factor played a role in the story of these 1868 documents. That factor was the frugality of this researcher's ancestors, in particular, her grandfather, Joseph H. Schaller. Our ancestors learned in childhood that saving was a way of life. Living during hard times tended to make people very careful about throwing anything away.

The maxim "Save it. You might need it." became a way of life. Joseph Schaller was a collector and a saver, and his descendants should be grateful for that fact. Among the papers he saved were those of his aunt, Elizabeth Bonstetter. He was administrator of her estate, and her papers came into his possession. After Joseph's wife, Elizabeth, died in 1977, these documents came to light. Having them translated was just the beginning, however. After learning the name of the town in which the Schallers were born, further research was needed to actually locate the village of Schilligkau, Bohemia, which is now in Czechoslovakia. Maps showing a village of thirty houses whose name has been changed to a different language are not exactly easy to locate. But with enough persistence, just about anything can be learned. The tiny village of Schilligkau was found in western Czechoslovakia with the Czech name of Šidlákov. The history of the Schaller family, with its thousands of pieces of data, started in earnest with Elizabeth Bonstetter's wonderful documents. At 124 years of age, they are certainly grand old ladies.

Now it is time to return to Elizabeth Schaller whose 1868 papers were the catalyst for this history. She was George and Maria's second youngest known child, and she grew up with her family in the little German-Bohemian village of Schilligkau. In all likelihood, she rarely ventured beyond the nearby villages that fed into her parish village of Berg. The siblings closest to her in age were Barbara, three years her senior, and Anna, three years her junior. How interesting it would be to know a story or two of her childhood, an event which might have made a lasting impression on her. She is not here to share stories, so they must be left to the imagination.

Sometime after 21 March 1868, at age twenty-one and a half years, Elizabeth Schaller began the journey that would take her from her place of birth to an unknown land called Iowa in the United States. On 21 March 1868* she secured a document which released her guardian, Johann Sandhöfner, from any further responsibility toward her (DECRET No. E).

It appears from the dates of the two mentioned documents that Elizabeth left Bohemia shortly after March of 1868. Late winter was a popular time to emigrate because it gave travelers time after arriving in America to set up a home, plant a crop, and harvest it before winter started. The next question that arises is whether Elizabeth came to America alone or with others. The correct answer may never be known, but after many years of studying the Schallers and their movements, this writer feels that Elizabeth probably came over with some family member. She may have come with either her sister Anna, her sister Barbara, or her brother Joseph. Census records revealed that these three sisters came in 1868. (Barbara actually came in 1867.) Evidence points to Joseph's arrival as 1870, but it may have been as early as 1868. It is entirely possible there were other non-relatives who came at the same time as Elizabeth. Villagers from the Schilligkau vicinity may well have left as a unit. It was a common practice for small groups of emigrants from the same area to travel together.

The first evidence of Elizabeth's presence in Iowa is in the 1870 Federal Census. She was found living with her brother, Joseph, in Bremen Township, Delaware County, Iowa. Elizabeth was listed as twenty-four years old, and her name was spelled "Eliza." This is a rather important point. In Joseph's account book, (see "Joseph Schaller") he once recorded an 1893 transaction concerning his brother-in-law and sister using the names "Martin and Elisa." (In German, the letter s is sometimes used in place of the English z. Thus, a German would write "Elisa," whereas an English-speaking person would write "Eliza.") This solidifies the theory that these two people living on a farm near Earlville, Iowa, (even though their name was spelled SELLER rather than SCHALLER) were, indeed, our Joseph and Elizabeth. Evidently, the woman always called Elizabeth by this writer, also went by the name "Elisa." Joseph and Elizabeth were living on a farm next to the Anton Sellner family. Mrs. Anton Sellner was the sister of Joseph and Elizabeth. Both the Schallers and the Sellners had real estate valued at \$1600, and their personal property was valued at \$1000. Joseph and Elizabeth did not own the land on which they lived. A letter of inquiry to the Recorder in Delaware County, Iowa, revealed that Joseph, Elizabeth, and Anna Schaller never owned land in Delaware County. Between 1870 and 1871, Joseph and Elizabeth must have left Earlville, Iowa, for the vicinity of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and probably stayed there until 1874. Elizabeth took out her first papers for citizenship on 21 December 1871* in the District Court of Webster County, Iowa. In this document, she declared her intention to become a citizen of the United States and to give up all allegiance to the King of Austria. Five and a half years later, she became a citizen in the Circuit Court of Kossuth County, Iowa, on 11 June 1877.* Joseph took out his first papers on 23 August 1871* in Fort Dodge and became a citizen on 13 September 1875* in Algona, Kossuth County, Iowa.

What occupation Elizabeth and Joseph may have followed while living in Fort Dodge is unknown. A check of land deeds and lot deeds in Webster County showed no evidence of ownership by either Joseph or Elizabeth Schaller or Martin Bonstetter. But the author theorizes that all of them lived there long enough to establish a relationship with the city, for they visited here after moving permanently to the area of West Bend. It was not possible to buy goods in the town of West Bend because it did not even exist at its present site until 1881, and then it consisted of only a few shanties and a saloon for railroad workers. Joseph Schaller purchased the lumber for his first house in Fort Dodge, and the Fehlhauers' (Elizabeth's sister) earliest market was Fort Dodge. All these facts reinforce the theory that Elizabeth, Joseph, and Martin once lived in Fort Dodge at the same time.

Martin Bonstetter, Elizabeth's future husband, took out his final citizenship papers in Fort Dodge on 8 October 1873.* (He took out his first papers in St. Louis, Missouri.) It is easy to surmise, then, that it was in Fort Dodge that Elizabeth met Martin and where Joseph Schaller and Martin Bonstetter forged their lifelong friendship.

Martin Bonstetter was born 10 February 1832 in Sulzbach, Baden, Germany. A small blue book that served as Martin's travel record and passport was found among Elizabeth's old papers. According to this book, he arrived in New Orleans on the ship W. Wharton on 21 April 1854.* The following information about Martin came from the 1884 History of Kossuth County, Iowa.⁶³ Martin went from New Orleans to St. Louis where he worked for two years as a shoemaker. He then moved to Waterloo in Monroe County, Illinois, where he continued his trade for ten more years. Next, he went to Fort Dodge, Iowa, and practiced his trade for eight more years. In 1874, according to the 1884 county history, he came to Kossuth County and settled on section twenty-two of Garfield Township, "taking as a homestead eighty acres, and afterward buying forty acres."⁶⁴ The above quote gives rise to questions which have not yet been satisfactorily answered. Indexes to land deeds in Kossuth County were consulted to find the patent for homestead of these eighty acres in section twenty-two. Nothing could be found to show that Martin either took a homestead or bought the eighty acres he and Elizabeth eventually farmed. To complicate matters, oral history indicated that when Joseph Schaller took his eighty-acre homestead in section twenty-two, it was Elizabeth, not Martin, who took an eighty-acre homestead immediately south of Joseph's: the south half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-two. Yet no record has been found showing how Elizabeth came in possession of this land. In a quitclaim deed dated 1 October 1886, James C. Savery and James Callanan relinquished to Elizabeth Schaller for \$1 the southeast fourth of the northeast fourth of section twenty-two in Garfield Township. Evidently, there was some problem in regard to rightful claim to the land. Also, this deed would indicate that Elizabeth Schaller, not Martin, originally had claim to at least forty acres of that homestead land. Who, then, actually first owned the south half of the northeast quarter: Martin Bonstetter or Elizabeth Schaller? Where is the land deed? Why would Elizabeth, who kept so many other papers, not save the patent or warranty deed to this property? Was it actually Elizabeth who lived in the shanty across the fence line from Joseph Schaller, or might it actually have been Martin? It seems probable that it was Elizabeth who took the homestead and lived across the fence from her brother Joseph, but the quote from the Kossuth County history casts just a shadow of doubt. It is known that they eventually did own the land because old tax receipts reveal that Martin, Elizabeth, and Charles Faschtor all paid taxes on that eighty acres over the years. No satisfactory answer has been found for this problem of who had the patent on these eighty acres and where that patent is located.

To summarize, it is assumed that Martin Bonstetter, Joseph Schaller, and Elizabeth Schaller all came to Kossuth County from Fort Dodge, Iowa, shortly before October of 1874. Joseph Schaller received the deed to his homestead on 1 October 1879.* Since it was necessary to occupy the land for five years to fulfill the homestead obligation, Joseph had to have arrived by 1 October 1874. Elizabeth and Martin undoubtedly came at the same time. These

three people's lives were intertwined and would remain so until each one passed away.

About three months after arriving in Kossuth County, Iowa, Elizabeth Schaller and Martin Bonstetter were married on 10 January 1875* by Reverend John J. Smith, Catholic pastor.⁶⁵ Elizabeth was twenty-eight years old and Martin almost forty-four at the time of their marriage. Their marriage document from the Kossuth County Courthouse stated they were married at Lotts Creek, Kossuth County, Iowa. Much study was involved in trying to determine just where the actual marriage took place because "Lotts Creek" could mean several things. It could mean the now defunct settlement of that name once located on section nine of Humboldt Township, Humboldt, County, Iowa. Since this would have been fifteen miles from the Schaller farm and also in Humboldt County, this location seems unlikely. It could mean the areas of St. Joe and Dorweiler settlement. Father Smith from Emmetsburg used the term "Lotts Creek" to refer to these two mission settlements, the latter being located near the future town of West Bend and named after the prominent Dorweiler family. A reasonable guess is that they were married by the mission priest somewhere in Garfield Township, perhaps in the Schaller or Bonstetter house or that of a neighbor; or they may have traveled to St. Joe and been married in the frame church erected there in 1871 as a mission church. Whatever the location, it is interesting to speculate just what their day was like, how cold that January day was, if there was a celebration, if Elizabeth had a special dress, if they eventually had their photo taken.

Martin and Elizabeth Bonstetter settled on their farm in section twenty-two, and here they stayed until Martin's death in 1898. They had a close working relationship with Joseph Schaller evidenced by Joseph's account book. In one instance, Joseph borrowed \$125 from Martin in 1893 to send for his wife's brother and family in Europe, the Anton Weinzetls.

The Bonstetter's first house surely had to have been a simple one. It might have been a sod house or some type of shanty. It seems unlikely they had a log cabin since trees were rather scarce in this area. The fact that Joseph Schaller, who lived next to the Bonstetters, pulled willow twigs from close to the creek and planted them east and north of his farmstead would lead to the assumption that there were not many trees, only willows that grew near water. Also, Joseph was given forty acres of land from the government for planting trees on a tree claim--again an indication of lack of trees. In 1885, the Bonstetters built a new house. Records show that Martin insured a "new frame house" and other buildings on 17 September 1885. The house was described as a one and a half story, sixteen feet by twenty-four feet, and a one story addition, fourteen feet by sixteen feet. This was the house later known as the Faschtor house. Evidently, outbuildings were considered more important than a home because Martin built a barn in 1880 and a granary in 1881; but not until 1885 did he build the new house.

On 27 September 1880,* Martin bought forty acres of land south

of the 1874 eighty-acre homestead. He bought for \$175 the northeast fourth of the southeast fourth of section twenty-two in Garfield Township from the American Emigrant Company.⁶⁶ With this forty, Martin and Elizabeth rounded out their property to 120 acres.

The Bonstetters did not have children of their own, but they did help raise two young children. For an unknown period of time, Elizabeth's niece, Mary Fehlhauer, lived with them. Mary was born about 1874, and census records show she was living with Bonstetters in both 1880 and 1885. Also, the 1884 history of Kossuth County, Iowa, stated that Mary "Faulkner" lived with the Bonstetters. "Faulkner" was probably a misspelling of Fehlhauer. The other child raised by them was their foster son, Charles Faschtor. Although never formally adopted, Charlie, as he was called, lived with the Bonstetters for many years. His life is treated in the following biography.

Martin and Elizabeth lived together for twenty-three years. Martin died first, on 10 May 1898,* just a year after his brother-in-law, Joseph Schaller. His death certificate gave his age at death as sixty-six years, two months, and twenty-eight days; his cause of death was "old age." He was buried in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, West Bend, Iowa.⁶⁷

Elizabeth experienced some difficult years after Martin's death. As mentioned in Anna Garrett's story, Elizabeth must have written some of her financial troubles to her sister. On 6 March 1899, Elizabeth, acting as administrator of her husband's estate, paid \$59.40 inheritance tax on \$1,187.93. In a letter dated 19 December 1903, attorneys from Algona informed Elizabeth Schaller that the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank had bought her land (the south half of the northeast quarter) in 1900 for back taxes. How this complicated business was ever resolved is not known, but she must have got the land back. Perhaps she paid the back taxes, and the property was returned to her. There is also evidence that after Martin died, his Bonstetter relatives tried to get part of Elizabeth's inheritance, adding to her financial woes.

There are further unknowns as Elizabeth is followed from the farm to her move into town in 1900. There was some financial arrangement between Elizabeth and the pastor in West Bend, Father Paul Dobberstein. For some unknown reason, Father Dobberstein had a contract with Elizabeth to build her a house. The saved receipts show he paid \$150 for the lot on 6 April 1900; \$5.25 for three and a half days digging on 21 April 1900; \$200 for carpenter bills on 25 April 1900; \$400 on the contract for building the house on 8 May 1900; \$264 for the house and furnace on 9 June 1900; and \$31.65 for wallpapering in June 1900. It seems hard to believe that Father Dobberstein simply gave her this house because she was a financially-troubled widow. Perhaps it was Elizabeth's own money, but he was handling her financial transactions for her. Perhaps she borrowed the money from him and paid him back later, but there is no paper work to indicate this.

Sometime in June of 1900, Elizabeth moved into a new house built on lot two in block seven of Lechtenberg's Addition which was

purchased from John N. Phillips on 12 April 1900.* This is the same house that became the home of Joseph H. and Elizabeth Schaller in 1952 when they moved into West Bend from their farm in Garfield Township. The house still stands, housing yet another family. (See photo #51.) At age fifty-four, Elizabeth was comfortably settled in a new house in West Bend. Her widowed sister-in-law, Anna Schaller, would soon move in next door to her. Elizabeth probably enjoyed having the Catholic church so close to her, just a block away. The frame church built in 1888 had been moved to the north part of town between 1892 and 1898. She consistently paid pew rent to Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

Over the years, Elizabeth communicated by letter with her siblings who did not live in the West Bend vicinity. There are three pieces of evidence to show she wrote a sister and a brother. First, she wrote her sister, Anna Garrett of Earlville, in 1899 because Anna's actual letter indicated prior correspondence from Elizabeth. Second, the 1903 letter from her unnamed brother in Schilligkau (see "Lost Schaller Relatives") indicated prior correspondence. Third, a tiny slip of paper, receipt # 38569, alluded to communication between her and her Schilligkau brother. In fact, this extremely valuable third item supplied the probable name of the elusive Schilligkau brother: Johann, John in English. Later, it was definitely proven by records from Czechoslovakia that this brother's name was Johann.

Receipt #385699 West Bend, Ia. Mar. 27, 1901.

Received from Mrs. Bonstetter the amount of
\$25 for Draft issued this day for Johan [sic]
Schaller on Anglo-Austrian Bank payable to
Johan [sic] Schaller.

Union State Bank
West Bend, Iowa

Using the 1903 letter as background, it's obvious that this brother had asked for money more than once. In this 1901 draft, she is sending him \$25; and in the 1903 letter he asked for more, mentioning the fact that he had not heard from her in a long time. Was she tired of sending him money? It is more likely that she was so absorbed in her own tribulations of losing a husband, having his will challenged, and settling her own precarious financial situation, that she did not take the time to keep in contact with this brother.

As Elizabeth grew elderly, she lost most of the people closest to her. By 1916, her husband, siblings, and sister-in-law were all dead. Now her closest relatives were her foster son and her Fehlhauer and Schaller nieces and nephews. Her nephew, Joseph H. Schaller, took on the responsibility of watching over her after Charlie moved to Chicago.

Because she left such a wonderful paper trail, it was possible

to build a body of facts around Mrs. Bonstetter's life. But as is usually the case, most people who knew her are dead and along with them information about what she was like as a person. Some things were learned, however, from two people who remember her, and these little morsels will be shared. Elizabeth, though not wealthy, must have been a proud lady who felt an obligation to pay her debts. In the last years of her life, the Joe Schaller family stopped after Mass each Sunday to help her with errands. From home they brought baked bread and a sack of corn or oats for her chickens. It was the job of Ernie, Joseph's oldest son, to fill the sack. Mrs. Bonstetter insisted on paying for the grain, though it was only five or ten cents. However, she also insisted it be full! After school, Ernie would stop at the house and carry coal up from the cellar for her hard coal burner. Elizabeth had pretty flowers around her house, but inside, Ernie recalls, the house was musty-smelling.

Unfortunately, there is no identified photo of Elizabeth. Even though her foster son was a photographer, he evidently did not take a picture of her. If he did, it has been lost. Shortly before this book went to print, many old photos were discovered in the Felhauer family from Canada. Among those photos is one that the author has reason to believe may be Elizabeth. It is a cabinet photo and was taken in a studio in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and dates to approximately 1880. Although not conclusive, there is a good possibility this is Elizabeth. (See photo #12.)

Elizabeth Schaller lived longer than any of her known siblings. One can't help but wonder if her last days on earth were lonely ones or if she had long ago adjusted to a solitary life. One source indicated she had a stroke some time before her death and was cared for by a local woman. Elizabeth died at her home on 18 March 1929.* She had reached the age of eighty-three. She was buried on 20 March 1929* beside her husband in the Catholic cemetery of West Bend. She had been a widow almost thirty-one years. Her nephew who had cared for her was not able to be at her funeral; he was seriously ill with smallpox and quarantined in the Faschtor house.

Elizabeth's house was inherited by Charlie Faschtor. Charlie and Joseph Schaller agreed, however, that the house would go to Joe because he had cared for this aunt after Charlie moved to Chicago. Charlie had tried to get his foster mother to come to Chicago to live with them, but she refused. She had lived near or in West Bend for almost fifty-five years, and it would have been very difficult for her to leave a farming community for life in the city. She chose to stay in her own home and die where she had lived for so long.

With Elizabeth's death, the last of the Schaller immigrant siblings passed from the scene. All had come to America for the same reason, the chance for an improved life. If Elizabeth could speak to us now, would she say her life was better after she left Schilligkau? Perhaps she'd say that in all the years that ensued, she actually forgot that she was an immigrant and that America offered such hope and promise. Perhaps she'd say she simply carried

on from day to day, from year to year, from decade to decade, and before she knew it, she was ready to pass to another phase of living which cares not in what state or country one once lived.



Charles FASCHTOR

Foster son of Martin BONSTETTER and Elizabeth SCHALLER
Husband of Bertha MEYER

Although Charles Faschtor is not a blood relative in the Schaller line, he has a place in the family by affection and association. For this reason, and because he was always considered part of the family, his life will also be treated.

What is known about Charlie, as he was often referred to by family and friends, came mostly from census returns and from his only living child, Martha Doyle. The 1900 census returns showed that he was born in July of 1877 in Germany. Another more reliable source gave his birth date as 5 July 1878. A document prepared in 1983 by the pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in West Bend, Iowa, gave the latter date which was taken from a 1921 family record contained in the church records. Since dates from census records are used only as a last resort, the 5 July 1878 date is more apt to be the correct one for Charles Faschtor's birth. Charlie may have been born in Berlin, though this is open to question. His parentage is unknown. According to the census, he came to the United States in 1886. If the two dates are accurate, he would have been eight years old when he came to America.

Charlie's first years in America are very vague. He remembered that he had a mother, but couldn't remember having a father. At some point he was orphaned, and he roamed the streets of Chicago until picked up by the police and put in a home. Sometime between the years 1886 when he came to America and 1895 when he was first found in the census in Kossuth County, Iowa, he arrived by train in West Bend. Another area of the book treats the issue of the Orphan Train. (See chapter "Joseph Schaller".) It is uncertain whether Charlie can actually be considered an Orphan Train child. He **did** come on the train with at least one other child, and there **were** two families arranged to take them in. However, Charlie came from Chicago, not New York where the Orphan

Train concept started. The goal, however, was the same: to provide homes for orphaned children. Two family sources tell that there was a switch that took place once the two orphans reached West Bend. Originally, Charlie was to go with the A. B. Carter family. For some reason, the other boy (name unknown) went with Carters and Charlie came to Martin and Elizabeth. Charlie's die was now cast with a childless couple who, in the words of his daughter, were "kind to him."⁶⁸

The census records again become an aid in following Charlie during his West Bend years. He was first found in the 1895 Iowa Census living with the Bonstetters on the Garfield farm; he was listed as seventeen years old. In the 1900 census, rather than being with Mrs. Bonstetter, he was found with the Adam Heiderscheidt family in Riverdale Township of Kossuth County, Iowa. This is the township immediately east of Garfield. He was twenty-two years old and working as a farm laborer. While here, he must have supplied the census taker with the information that he came to the United States in 1886 and that he was an "alien," meaning not a naturalized citizen. In 1910, he was found with Mrs. Bonstetter in the town of West Bend. He was described as an "adopted son" and a "photograph artist." A receipt dated 23 February 1904 shows that Mrs. Bonstetter bought from Emma Folb of Palo Alto County "one camera, one lens, one camera stand, and all pictures belonging to the photographic outfit." This shows that his business as a photographer must have started from that date. He had his studio in Mrs. Bonstetter's house in West Bend. In 1981, Vivian Nessen stated, "Another early photographer was Charlie Faschtor whose business was in a shop where Joe Schaller's home is now."⁶⁹ How long he worked as a photographer is uncertain, but it was probably well into the teens of 1900. He seemed to have an aesthetic bent. He was talented, not only in photography, but also in music and horticulture.

At some point Charlie began to farm the Bonstetter place, but he still retained his photography business. He built a special building that served as his studio. One side was almost completely sheathed in windows to catch the proper light. Years later, when Joseph H. Schaller farmed the property, he moved the studio northward to the building site of the Schaller farm so he could use it as a shed. With the passing of time, all of Charlie's glass negatives were lost or destroyed. At the time, no one would realize that a bit of the history of West Bend and its citizens was being lost.

How Charles Faschtor met his future wife, Bertha Meyer, is unknown. She worked as a housemaid in Chicago. They may have met there if Charlie returned to that city to visit, or they may have met in Earlville, Iowa, where Bertha's friend (Bertha Seig) had married Charlie's step-cousin, Carl Garrett. Bertha Meyer was born 19 November 1885 in Bromberg, Germany. While still in Germany, she was in love with a young man who was later killed while serving in the military. Sometime before 1908, she and her friend, Bertha Seig, came to Chicago to work as hired girls. Bertha Meyer worked for at least one wealthy Jewish family. Who or what brought

Charlie and Bertha Meyer together is unknown, but shortly after meeting, they were married on 4 July 1914. One of their wedding invitations is still in existence. It shows they were married at 1346 Webster Avenue, the same address used on postcards sent to Bertha by her friends. This was probably the home of the people for whom she worked. Their group wedding picture shows a handsome couple and a large gathering of family and friends. (See photo #104.)

The newlyweds returned to West Bend, Iowa. They had three children: Martha, Paul, and Walter. Charlie farmed until February of 1919 when he sold the farm to Joseph H. Schaller. The family then rented another farm until 1921 when they moved to the town of West Bend. In 1925, the Faschtors moved to Chicago. Charlie worked for the Sam Bingham Roller Company until 1939 when poor health forced him to quit. Bertha worked for many years cleaning houses for people. As the children grew old enough, they also had jobs to help support the family. In 1955, Charlie and Bertha moved to California and lived with their daughter, Martha.

Over the years, the German spelling of the name was changed to a more Americanized version: FACTOR.

Charles Faschtor died in a Los Angeles hospital on 23 January 1964 and was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California, on 26 January 1964. Bertha (Meyer) Faschtor died 30 June 1970 in Van Nuys, California, and was buried near her husband on 3 July 1970.

Photos of Charles FASCHTOR and his Family

- #101 Back: two men unidentified. Front: Ed Schaller and Charlie Faschtor.
- #102 George Schaller and Charlie Faschtor, ca. 1910.
- #103 Charlie Faschtor, 1945.
- #104 Charlie Faschtor and Bertha Meyer wedding photo, 1914, Chicago, Ill. Attendants: unidentified.
- #105 Martha, Walter, Paul Faschtor, children of Charlie and Bertha, ca. 1923 in West Bend, Ia.
- #106 Martha and Paul Faschtor, ca. 1922



#101



#102



#103



#104



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#106

Decret.

N^o 6: 588 Cuv

Für Elisabeth Schaller

in Schillingkau

Wider Einspruch des Johann Sandhöfner aus Natsch,
sich als Vormund von der Elisabeth Schaller
in Schillingkau deprecir: 20ten März 1868 J. 588 Cuv
und auf Grund des Urtheils der k. k. Landes-
Justiz in Galizien vom 18. Oktober 1866 und
20ten Lebensjahres zureichend ist, wird
Elisabeth Schaller auf Grund des § 252
A. G. B. für großjährig erklärt und zum
freien Verwaltung ihrer Vermögensgegenstände
berechtigt.

Dr. k. k. Landes-Justiz-Rath
vom 21. März 1868

Der k. k. Landes-Justiz-Rath



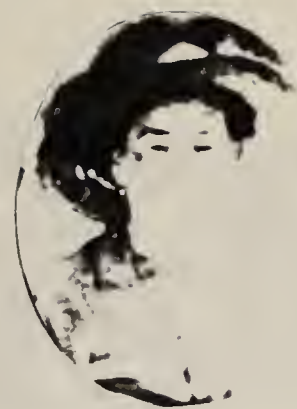
Elizabeth **SCHALLER**

Born: 1 Oct 1846 at Schilligkau, Bohemia.
Married: Martin **BONSTETTER** (10 Feb 1832-10 May 1898) on
10 Jan 1875 at Lotts Creek in Kossuth County, Ia.
Died: 18 Mar 1929 in West Bend, Iowa.
Buried: 20 Mar 1929 in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery,
West Bend, Iowa.

- I. Charles Joseph **FASCHTOR** (foster son) b. 5 July 1878 in
Germany.
m. Bertha **MEYER** (19 Nov 1885-30 June 1970) on 4 July
1914, Chicago, Illinois.
d. 23 Jan 1964, Los Angeles, Ca.
bur. 26 Jan 1964, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, Ca.
ch: A. Martha Magdalena **FACTOR** b. 1 Aug 1915,
Garfield Twp., Kossuth Co., Ia.
m. 3rd Thomas Edward **DOYLE** (23 Jan 1929) on 4 Dec
1970, Sepulveda, Ca.
d.
bur.
ch: none
B. Paul Carl **FACTOR** b. 2 June 1918, Garfield Twp.,
Kossuth Co., Ia.
m. Mimi **RAMBLER** circa 1959-1960.
d. 25 June 1991, Las Vegas, Nev.
bur. Memory Garden, Elk Grove, Ill.
ch. none
C. Walter Herman **FACTOR** b. 27 June 1921, West Bend,
Ia.
m. Barbara **DUTCHER** (12 Aug 1930) circa 1960-1961,
Chicago, Ill.
d. 15 Aug 1977.
bur. 18 Aug, 1977, Memory Garden, Elk Grove, Ill.
ch: 1. Linda Susan **FACTOR** b. 8 May 1962,
Chicago, Ill.
m. SINGLE

Joseph and Anna (Schaller) Garrett
and
Their Children

Mary Kaiser
Joseph A. Garrett
Robert J. Garrett
Carl M. Garrett



Anna SCHALLER

Daughter of George SCHALLER and Maria SANDHÖFNER
Wife of Joseph GARRETT

Kunigunda (Anna) Schaller was the last known child born to George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner. There is evidence her given name was really Kunigunda⁷⁰ rather than Anna, but she was called Anna by her family. When the birth records were requested from the archivist in Pilsen, for some reason, Anna's was not sent. Therefore, no official date of birth is known for her. However, both her obituary and mourning card gave her birth date as 6 September 1849. It has always been assumed that Anna was the sister of the other Schaller siblings and, therefore, the daughter of George and Maria Schaller; and that assumption is almost certainly true. However, because the archivist was specifically asked for her birth date and because he did not send it, her parentage is not verified with original records. In a few years, the church records of the former Communist countries will be microfilmed by the Mormons. When they are made available to the public, the author can personally search the records and find Anna's birth record.

Maria Schaller was forty-one years old when she had her last child, Anna. Anna was only six months old when her father died on 20 March 1850, so little Anna never knew her father.

Like her brother and sisters, Mary, Joseph, Barbara, and Elizabeth, what her early life in Schilligkau was like can only be surmised. The conditions under which all peasants lived would also be similar to those under which Anna and her family lived. She probably witnessed the exodus of her older sister, Mary Sellner, and as a six-year old, would have been perplexed and saddened by it. It often happens that little sisters are pampered and indulged by older siblings. If such were the case with Anna, Mary's departure could have left a lasting impression on the little girl. One wonders if Anna decided while she was young that she also would go to America or if she was cajoled and encouraged to go by her siblings already in Iowa.

An aura of mystery surrounds Anna's trip to America and her very first years here. She was single when she came over, but the year of her arrival can only be estimated. The same holds true as to whether she came alone, with friends, or with relatives. The 1900 census return gave 1868 as her year of immigration to America; the 1910 census gave 1858. The writer feels quite sure that 1868 is correct. In 1858 she would have been only nine years old, and her mother was still alive. It seems unlikely Maria would have let

her youngest child go to America at the age of nine. Also, Anna would have shown up on earlier census returns if she had been living near family in Iowa. Since her other siblings, with the exception of Mary Sellner, came about 1868 to 1870, it seems more likely she came at that same time too, rather than in 1858 as a nine-year old. Curiously, Anna could not be found in the 1870 census in any of the areas studied in Kossuth and Delaware Counties where her family lived. One wonders if perhaps she might have been working in a larger town, such as Dubuque. Of course, she could have been anywhere, and without more specific clues, it is impossible to know just where she was living in the summer 1870, the usual time of enumeration. There is also a slight possibility that she was still not in America; she may also have been traveling to America at that particular time.

Anna's presence in Iowa is confirmed in 1872. That was the year she is married Joseph Garrett. Their marriage record was filed in the Delaware County, Iowa, Courthouse, even though they were married in Dyersville, a town that lies just inside Dubuque County. They were issued a marriage license on 24 April 1872* and were married 30 April 1872* by Anton Kortencamp, Catholic priest at St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville. Interestingly, their marriage record wasn't filed until 15 February 1875, almost three years after the event took place.

It is appropriate to add here that the spelling of the name, GARRETT, is open to interpretation. It has been found spelled four different ways: GARETT, GARRET, GARRITT, and GARRETT. The first spelling, GARETT, appears to be the earliest original spelling. In an 1899 letter, Anna signed her name "Kunigunda Garrett." Also, the return address on an envelope mailed to Joseph Schaller from Carl Garrett in 1910 read, "C. M. Garrett." The GARRET and GARRITT forms were probably just misspellings. The last spelling, GARRETT, was used on several early land documents written by county officials, but not by the Garrett people involved. The descendants in the family now commonly accept and use the GARRETT spelling. On lineage charts, this writer will use both spellings with a slash: GARETT/GARRETT. However, in all other instances, the spelling accepted by the family will be used: GARRETT.

Much more is known about Anna Schaller's husband than is known about Anna. Joseph Garrett lived to be a very old man and was a respected member of his church and community. Luckily for his descendants, some reporter for Dubuque's newspaper, The Telegraph Herald, decided reaching the age of ninety-three was eventful, and he wrote an article that contained much of Joseph's early history.⁷¹ According to the article, Joseph Garrett was born 12 March 1838 in Baden, Germany. The exact town is unknown. When Joseph was twelve, his father was killed in battle, and he and his mother came to America. The 1900 census gave 1851 as the year he immigrated. He was apprenticed for eight years to a farmer near Poeftekill, New York, in Rensselaer County. He then began working in a large flour mill and eventually became head miller. He must have become a naturalized citizen while living here because according to his obituary, he cast his vote for Abraham Lincoln.

That would have been either the 1860 or 1864 election.

The Civil War became the overriding concern of all Americans in the 1860s, and Joseph was no exception. Twice Joseph was drafted, and twice he was unable, though very willing, to serve his country. In the first instance, millers were extremely valuable because of their job of supplying food, and they were exempted. In the second instance, General Robert E. Lee had surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia just four days before Joseph was to leave.

The Civil War profoundly altered the face of not only the South, but also the North. The tumultuous effects of this war caused a scarcity of jobs for returning soldiers and a great migration to the West resulted. Joseph joined this voluntary exodus and traveled first to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he stayed only a few months. The next portion of his journey was on foot. He continued westward until he found work at a flour mill at Hopkinton, Iowa. This must have been a high point in an otherwise bleak future because he recorded the day he arrived: 10 August 1866. Soon after arriving, he rented the mill and operated it for several years. The 1870 census showed he was living with Mr. Sigismund Schaetzel and family who operated a mill on Plum Creek north of Earlville, Iowa.

Somewhere in this time frame of 1870 to 1872, Joseph Garrett and Anna Schaller became acquainted. One can't help but wonder if Anna might have been either visiting or living with her sister, Mary Sellner, or her brother, Joseph. The Sellner farm was only about two miles from the Schaetzel Mill. Perhaps they met while attending church.

Now the lives of Joseph Garrett and Anna Schaller merged with their marriage on 30 April 1872. For some reason, Joseph gave up the milling business and decided to try farming. Shortly after their marriage, Joseph bought a quarter section of land for \$10.00 an acre. This would have been in Oneida Township in Delaware County, Iowa, two miles west of his future home in section twenty-four. Here he built a two-room house with lumber hauled from Guttenburg, Iowa. The barn he built for his livestock was made of poles, and the roof was made of thatched prairie grass. Joseph and Anna set up their first home here and had their first three children: Mary, Joseph, and Robert. They continued living on this farm until March of 1883.

Perhaps ten years was enough time for Joseph to realize his heart was still in the business of milling. On 9 March 1883* Joseph Garrett (Anna's name is not on the deed) bought from Samuel Ede and his wife 140 acres in section twenty-four of Oneida Township, Delaware County, Iowa. When the Garrett family moved to this established mill property, Joseph again resumed the profession he apparently loved so much. He continued operating the mill until 1915 when he sold it to his son, Carl.

The Garrett Mill and the lake formed by the dam were very popular places in the early 1900s. For years, local farmers brought their grain here to be ground, and the lake became a favorite picnic spot. (See photo #110.) On 14 June 1925 a heavy

rain washed the dam away resulting in serious downstream flooding. The mill and dam were never rebuilt.

Joseph and Anna Garrett had five children, but the names of only four are known. In the 1900 census, Anna reported she was the mother of five children, three of whom were living. Robert was already dead by 1900, so there apparently was another child who probably died as an infant. Cemetery officials in Dyersville revealed there are four resting places in the Garrett plot in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery. Joseph, Anna, and Robert are buried there. The fourth is undoubtedly that of the unknown child whose existence was first learned by studying census records. The four known children of Joseph and Anna Garrett were:

1. Mary born circa March 1872/1873 in Oneida Township, Delaware County, Iowa.
Married John Kaiser on 26 January 1897* at St. Mary's Church, Manchester, Iowa.
Died 15 March 1965 at Manchester, Iowa.
Buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Earlville, Iowa.
2. Joseph A. born circa 1876/1877 in Oneida Township, Delaware County, Iowa.
Married Blanche Cornwell on 13 November 1905* at Manchester, Iowa.
Died 7 August 1948 at Dubuque, Iowa.
Buried in Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Iowa.
3. Robert J. born circa 1881 in Oneida Township, Delaware County, Iowa.
Died circa 1891.
Buried St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Iowa.
4. Carl born 29 July 1882/1883 in Oneida Township, Delaware County, Iowa. (Census gave birth date as July 1883.)
Married Bertha Amelia Seig on 3 September 1910, place unknown.
Died 16 October 1970 at Rockwell, Iowa.
Buried Fairview Cemetery, Earlville, Iowa.

Joseph Garrett's Telegraph Herald story and his obituary were extremely helpful in the reconstruction of his long and eventful life. Such is not the case with his wife, Anna. However, one document does exist which divulges a bit more about unassuming Anna. This is a letter written by Anna on 1 April 1899 to her sister, Elizabeth Bonstetter, in West Bend, Iowa. It is written in old German script and covers only one side of one lined sheet. There was no envelope. The translator of the letter⁷² said the writer, Anna, was probably not well-educated since the letter was poorly constructed and expressed. The handwriting is, however, quite neat and clear. The general meaning of the contents of the letter (not a literal translation) is as follows:

April 1, 1899

Dear Sister, oh how often I have thought of you.

But soon your things will be divided. You don't have to take it so hard. It is very hard if one works and then everything goes to the other people. Take it patiently and this is the best. We have a very cold winter here. It froze even in the cellars. We have a farm hand. Joe [their son, Joseph A. Garrett] is not at home. Greetings from us all.

Kunigunda Garrett

The incident to which Anna was referring when she said "everything goes to the other people" involved a lawsuit brought by the relatives of Elizabeth Bonstetter's husband, Martin, who had died on 10 May 1898. They had no children of their own, (but raised a foster son) and Elizabeth inherited the farm. Martin's relatives in the West Bend area tried to get some of the inheritance and Elizabeth's financial situation suffered because of it. This admittedly short correspondence proves that there was communication between Anna and her family and that Anna tried to be of comfort to her sister in her unfortunate situation.

Joseph and Anna Garrett was one of only four early Catholic families in Earlville when St. Joseph's Church, a small frame building, was built and later dedicated on 12 January 1887.⁷³ The Garretts and the three other families became the cornerstone of the fledgling parish which eventually numbered 266 families one hundred years later. It is interesting to note that the project of building a Catholic church was the idea of Protestants in the area who felt a Catholic church would bring Catholic families and their much-needed business to the town. Before they had their own parish, the Catholics of Earlville were served by priests from Cascade, Manchester, and Dyersville.⁷⁴

In both the 1900 and 1910 census returns, the Garretts were in Oneida Township on the mill farm. In 1910 Anna was sixty-one years old. Four years later, Anna (Schaller) Garrett died at her home on 14 January 1914. Her obituary stated she suffered for several months with liver trouble and rheumatism. The kind words used in her obituary makes one wish they had known her personally. "Mrs. Garrett lead a life full of love and kindness to her family and friends and won the esteem of all. Charitable and sympathetic, she was a willing helper in time of need and her many kind acts will long be remembered by her friends and neighbors."⁷⁵ She was buried in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Dyersville, Iowa.

Joseph and Carl continued to operate the mill and farm until 1915 when Joseph sold the property to Carl. Carl, in turn, sold the land to Irvin Sellner about 1956. So the former mill property still remains in the family of Garrett cousins.

At some point in his late years, Joseph Garrett made his home with his daughter, Mary Kaiser, who lived south of Earlville. It was here that he died at age ninety-three on 19 July 1931.⁷⁶ He was buried 21 July 1931 at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Dyersville.



Mary GARRETT

Daughter of Joseph GARRETT and Anna SCHALLER

Wife of John KAISER

Mary Garrett was the first child of Joseph Garrett and Anna Schaller and was born 16 March 1872 according to a family source. The 1900 census gave her birth date as March 1873, and is, of course, open to verification. She was born on the first farm in Oneida Township that her parents bought shortly after their marriage. In all likelihood she was born in the little two room house her father constructed with lumber hauled from Guttenburg. She would have moved to the mill farm with her parents about 1883 and probably attended country school. On 26 January 1897* she and John C. Kaiser were married at St. Mary's Church in Manchester, Iowa. An article written in the Earlville Review commemorating their fiftieth anniversary in 1947 relates that the trip to the church and back to the farm of the bride's parents was made with team and sleigh in very cold weather.

John Kaiser was born at Saemitzh, Austria and came to the United States in 1888. (The 1900 census stated he came in 1889.) The young couple moved to a farm south of Earlville in North Fork Township. The 1900 census found the Kaisers in that same township. Sons Jacob and Joseph were six years and two years old, respectively. The 1910 census returns for North Fork Township were too faded to read, but it can be assumed the family was still there. However, Jake was not with them. In 1910 Jake was sixteen years old and working for a farmer named James Hunt in Bremer Township, very near the Anton Sellners.

John and Mary raised five children. They were Jacob, Frank, Ed, Joseph, and Anna. Jake, who later became a veterinarian, was Mary's child before she married John. Jake was raised as one of the Kaiser children. Frank, Ed, and Joseph all remained in the Earlville area. Only Joseph and Anna had families.

Mary Kaiser was a midwife who traveled in the area to deliver babies. Joseph was wonderful in helping to care for the family. It is reported he could bake marvelous bread. They are both remembered by their family with much love and affection. Mary (Garrett) Kaiser died 15 March 1965 at Good Neighbor Home in Manchester, Iowa. She was buried 18 March 1965 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Earlville, Iowa. John Kaiser died 9 October 1965 at Good Neighbor Home and was buried 12 October 1965 in the same cemetery. John and Mary Kaiser were married for sixty-eight years.



Joseph A. GARRETT

Son of Joseph GARRETT and Anna SCHALLER

Husband of Blanche CORNWELL

Joseph A. Garrett was born circa 1876/1877 in Oneida Township, Delaware County, Iowa, on the first Garrett farm. (His 1948 obituary states he was born "in Rasler County, N.Y." This is highly doubtful since there is no "Rasler" County, only Rensselaer County. If the obituary meant Rensselaer County, Anna would had to have been visiting there for some unknown reason when her baby was born.) He was living with his family in the 1880 census and was four years old. In the 1885 Iowa State Census he was eight years old. He grew up on his parent's mill farm and probably attended school for a number of years. By 1900 Joseph was about twenty-four years old. He was not living with his parents or relatives, and his whereabouts are not known. However, five years later when he married in 1905, his residence was given on his marriage record as Oneida Township and his occupation as worker in a sawmill.

On 13 November 1905* he and Blanche Cornwell applied for a wedding license in Delaware County, Iowa, and were married the same day in Manchester, Iowa, by S.L. Voggett, Justice of the Peace.* Blanche E. Cornwell was born 18 June 1888 at Colesburg, Iowa, to John Cornwell and Mary Cropp. She and Joseph A. Garrett lived for awhile in Delaware County, Iowa. Their oldest child, Mary, was born in Oneida Township of that county in 1909. The 1910 census showed Joseph, Blanche, and daughter Mary living in Oneida Township near the little village of Admoral. Joseph was a laborer doing odd jobs. Later they moved to Dyersville and after 1914 to Dubuque, Iowa. Besides Mary, they also had these children: Dorothy, Bernice, Laura, and Robert. Blanche also raised Charlotte, daughter of her deceased sister, Pearl Batterson. Joseph and Blanche divorced in 1926. Blanche married Frank Monks in 1928 or 1929. After his death, she married Steven Zaras. Steven died 28 July 1953. Blanche died 5 June 1970 in Dubuque, Iowa, and was buried in Linwood Cemetery in that city. Joseph A. Garrett died 6 August 1948 at Mercy Hospital in Dubuque. He was buried in Linwood Cemetery on 9 August 1948.

Robert J. GARRETT
Son of Joseph GARRETT and Anna SCHALLER

Robert was Joseph and Anna Garrett's third known child. Very little is known about him other than he was born circa 1881 on his parent's first farm in Oneida Township, Delaware County, Iowa. At the age of ten, circa 1891, he was killed by "the accidental discharge of a rifle."⁷⁷ He was buried in the Catholic cemetery in Dyersville, Iowa.



Carl GARRETT
Son of Joseph GARRETT and Anna SCHALLER
Husband of Bertha SEIG

The last known child of Joseph and Anna Garrett was Carl, born 29 July 1882 according to records obtained from the Clifton Funeral Home in Earlville, Iowa. The 1900 census listed his birth as July of 1883. He grew up with his family on the mill farm and remained there for most of his life. He helped his father run the mill until it ceased operating, and then he farmed.

Not much is known about the personality of Carl. As an elderly man, he was remembered as a quiet, private man who kept to himself. He returned a letter on 16 January 1910 to Joe Schaller, his cousin in West Bend, who had written him previously. His whole letter concerned the problems caused by the heavy snows: can't hunt rabbits, can't go to town, can't cut ice, can't chop wood. "Can't doe any thing but do the chorse that is all doe chores and eat a person can't do much here in the winter..."

But perhaps Carl found time that hard winter of 1910 to court a young lady because he married Bertha Amelia Seig on 3 September 1910. They did not have children. Bertha was born 10 December 1885 in Bromberg, Germany to Wilhelm Seig and Caroline Bush. She died 6 September of either 1959 or 1960. She was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Earlville.

Carl Garrett died 16 October 1970 at the nursing home in Rockwell, Iowa. His funeral services were held from the Clifton Funeral Home in Earlville, and he was buried in Earlville's Fairview Cemetery on 18 October 1970.

**Photos of
Anna (SCHALLER) GARRETT and her Family**

- #107 Joseph Garrett and Anna (Schaller) Garrett, ca. 1885-1895.
- #108 Mourning card for Anna Garrett, 1914. "Dear Mother, MRS. ANNA GARRETT, Born Sept. 6, 1849. Died Jan 14, 1914. Age 64 yrs. 4 mo. 8 days."
- #109 Garrett's Mill on Plum Creek in Oneida Twp., Delaware Co., Ia., near Earlville, ca. 1910-1915.
- #110 Bridge and picnic area at Garrett's Mill, ca. 1910-1915. Note ladies and horse and buggy on bridge.
- #111 Joseph Garrett on his farm.
- #112 Mary Garrett, daughter of Joseph A. and Blanche Garrett, on her grandparent's Mill farm, ca. 1922. Note log buildings in the background.
- #113 Mary Garrett (later Kaiser), daughter of Joseph and Anna Garrett, ca. 1890-1895. Photo taken at Dyersville, Ia.
- #114 John and Mary (Garrett) Kaiser, 50th anniversary, 1947.
- #115 Back: George Schaller. Front: Jacob Kaiser and Carl Garrett, ca. 1910.
- #116 Joseph A. Garrett and his daughter, Mary, ca. 1924.
- #117 Four generations of the Blanche (Cornwell) Garrett family. Back: Mary (Garrett) Kirkpatrick-Merz, Debra Vogt, Blanche (Cornwell) Garrett. Front: Betty (Kirkpatrick) Vogt, ca. 1953.
- #118 Carl Garrett and Bertha Seig wedding photo, 1910.
- #119 Carl Garrett, Bertha Meyer (later Mrs. Charles Faschtor), and two Seig sisters. One is Bertha, wife of Carl Garrett. Behind screen door is Mrs. Anna (Schaller) Garrett. Ca. 1912.



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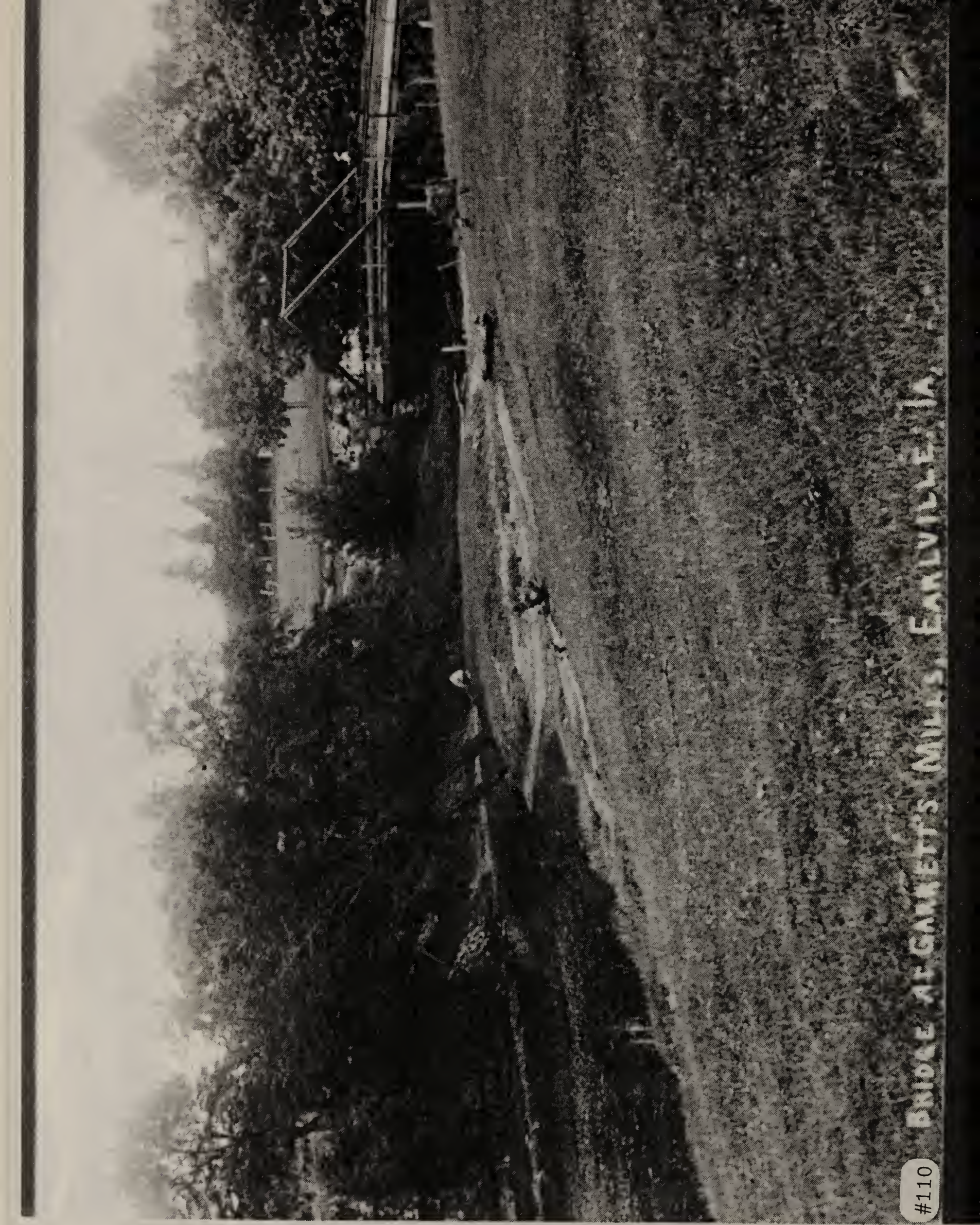


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GARRETT'S MILLS
EARLVILLE, VA.

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BRIDGE AT GARNETT'S MILLS, EARLVILLE, IA.



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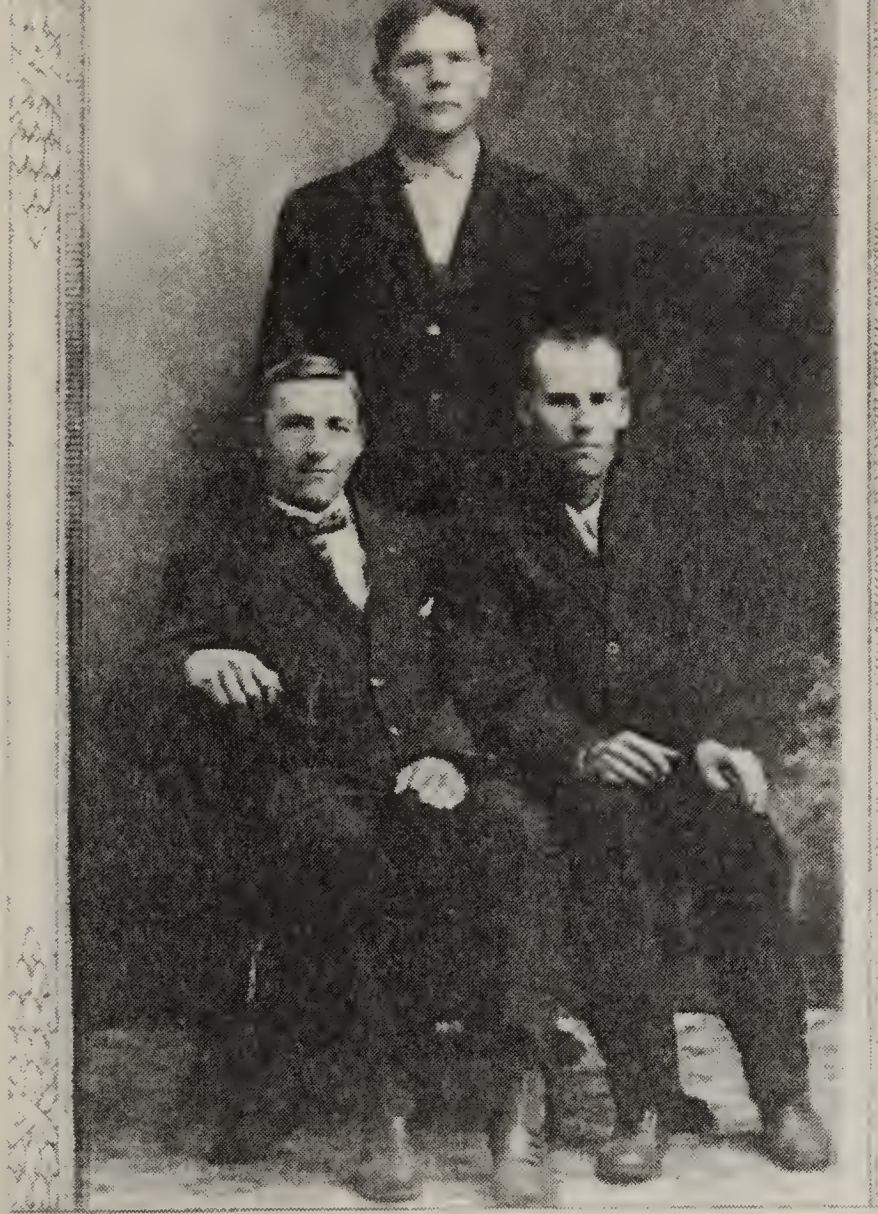
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License issued for the Marriage of Joseph Garrett and Anna Schaller
the testimony of Nyle E. Tubbs as to their competent age and condition; said license being in the records and figures
following, to-wit:

OFFICE OF CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT.

State of Iowa, Delaware County, ss:

License is hereby granted to any person authorized to solemnize Marriages, according to the laws of said State, to join in Marriage
Joseph Garrett & Anna Schaller
the person joining them in Marriage is also required to make due return of the Certificate annexed, to the Circuit Court within ninety days, of the names of the
names, time and place of Marriage, and by whom solemnized.

(Seal)

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at my office in Delhi,
in said County, this 24 day of April A. D. 1872

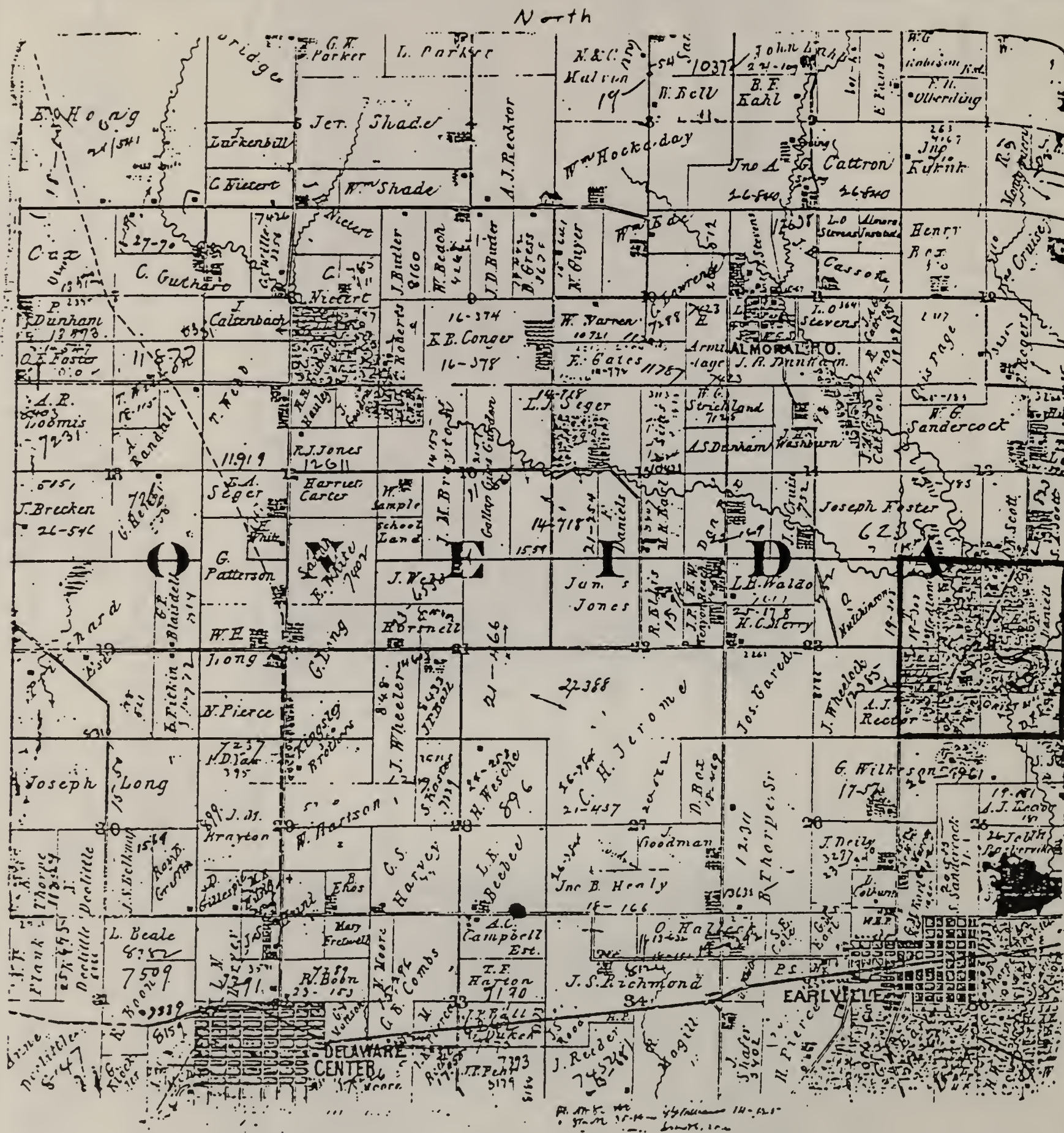
A. J. Brown Clerk of Circuit Court
Wm. J. Brown

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

the Circuit Court of Delaware County:

This certifies, that on the 30th day of April A. D. 1872, at Dyersville in said
County, according to law and by authority, I duly joined in Marriage Joseph Goerdt
Anna Schaller and

Given under my hand, the 30th day of April A. D. 1872
Wm. J. Brown
Returned and filed on the 15th day of April A. D. 1872
Wm. J. Brown



1875 township map of Oneida Township in Delaware County, Iowa. Section twenty-four shows a dam and grist mill. In 1883 Joseph Garrett bought 140 acres containing this dam and mill.

April 1. ⁱⁱ/₈₂ 1899.

Linder Nymfstrum a se aft her,
 is en reis afreicht alomstich,
 dat dat het sammen is,
 die seest gelyde Nymfstrum
 en niet en mis heren ^{en},
 deen luffen of is her,
 Men men so ambid men,
 den gelyde se hier al men,
 dat niet mis gelyde en is,
 is en luffen. Men heren is,
 den deen Nymfstrum her,
 of het en allen deen gelyde
 her men. heren en deen men
 seest is niet en her,

Willst du Gräfin und mich alle
Ewig und immer lieben

Letter written by "Kunigunda Garett" on 1 April 1899 to her sister, Elizabeth Bonstetter in West Bend, Iowa.

Kunigunda (Anna) **SCHALLER**

Born: 6 September 1849 at Schilligkau, Bohemia.
Married: Joseph **GARRETT** (12 Mar 1838-19 July 1931) on 30 Apr 1872, Dyersville, Ia.
Died: 14 Jan 1914 on farm in Oneida Twp., Delaware Co., Ia.
Buried: St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.

- I. Mary N. **GARRETT** b. circa Mar 1872/1873, Oneida Twp., Delaware Co., Ia.
d. 15 Mar 1965, Manchester, Ia.
bur. St. Joseph's Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.
ch: A. Jacob C. **KAISER** b. circa June 1893, Earlville, Ia.
m. Ada Myrl **RICHEY** (16 Mar 1897) at Fort Dodge, Ia.
d. 20 June circa 1960s, Mason City, Ia.
bur. Rockwell, Ia.
ch: none
m. John C. **KAISER** (19 May 1866-9 Oct 1965) on 26 Jan 1897, Manchester, Ia.
ch: B. Joseph Francis **KAISER** b. 9 Mar 1898, Earlville, Ia.
m. Esther **STERNHAGEN** (27 June 1903-15 May 1979) on 20 Nov 1923.
d. 8 Jan 1956, Earlville, Ia.
bur. St. Joseph Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.
ch: 1. Marie Lucille **KAISER** b. 25 Aug 1925, Earlville, Ia.
m. LaVerne **NEUHAUS** (15 Oct 1924) on 29 Jan 1951.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Charles Joseph **NEUHAUS** b. 29 Dec 1951, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Mary Linda **DOLAN** (30 Aug 1950) on 27 Nov 1982, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) By adoption Elizabeth **NEUHAUS** b. 17 Jan 1989
b. Margaret Mary **NEUHAUS** b. 22 Mar 1953.
m. Randy James **COLLINS** (12 Nov 1951) on 13 Nov 1976, Des Moines, Ia.
ch: (1) Justin Allan **COLLINS** b. 10 Dec 1981.
(2) Ryan Matthew **COLLINS** b. 7 Feb 1987.

- (3) Tyler James **COLLINS**
b. 17 Jan 1989.
 - c. Joyce Elaine **NEUHAUS** b. 13 July 1956.
ch: (1) Jennifer Ann **NEUHAUS**
b. 29 Jan 1979.
 - d. Loras John **NEUHAUS**
b. 26 Sept 1958.
 - e. Suzanne Kaye **NEUHAUS** b. 25 May 1960.
m. William Joseph **STOCK**
(21 May 1960) on 24 Nov 1979,
Greeley, Ia.
ch: (1) Rebecca Sue **STOCK**
b. 20 March 1980.
(2) Jamie Lee **STOCK**
b. 15 Jan 1982.
(3) Katie Lynn **STOCK**
b. 30 Jan 1988.
 - f. Wanda Jean **NEUHAUS**
b. 21 June 1962.
ch: (1) Carrie Jo
b. 3 Nov 1979.
(2) Melissa Marie
b. 16 Apr 1982.
(3) Nicole Jean
b. 26 May 1983.
 - g. Karen Elizabeth **NEUHAUS**
b. 13 July 1968.
m. Roy Alan **DAVIS** (29 July 1962).
ch: (1) Tonya Marie **DAVIS**
b. 10 Aug 1989.
Manchester, Ia.
(2) Jeremy Alan **DAVIS**
b. 2 Nov 1990.
Manchester, Ia.
- 2. Charles Francis **KAISER** b. 21 Dec 1926.
d. about age one year.
bur. St. Joseph's Cemetery, Earlville,
Ia.
- 3. Anita Mae **KAISER** b. 5 Nov 1928,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Arnold Otto **FISCHER** (6 Dec 1924) on
19 Nov 1946, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Judith Ann **FISCHER**
b. 23 Oct 1947.
m. Thomas S. **KRAMER** (31 Dec
1942) on 6 May 1966, Earlville,
Ia.

ch: (1) Lisa Marie **KRAMER**
 b. 22 July 1967.
 (2) Todd Thomas **KRAMER**
 b. 19 Oct 1971.

b. Barbara Kay **FISCHER**
 b. 20 July 1954.
 m. DeWayne Kenneth **GRUTT**
 (25 Nov 1947) on 19 Mar 1976.

ch: (1) Michael Kenneth **GRUTT**
 b. 9 Dec 1978.
 (2) Kimberly Marie **GRUTT**
 b. 8 Nov 1981,
 Marquette, Mi.

4. Alfred Edward **KAISER** b. 26 Dec 1929,
 Earlville, Ia.
 m. Rita Mae **SCHULTY** (23 June 1931) on
 29 May 1951, Delhi, Ia.
 d.
 bur.

ch: a. Douglas Joseph **KAISER** b. 25
 Oct 1952, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Mary Kay **VON MUENSTER**
 (11 Oct 1952) on 19 May 1972,
 Anamosa, Ia.

ch: (1) Travis Douglas
 KAISER b. 7 Nov
 1972, Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Jason Lee **KAISER**
 b. 19 Oct 1976,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (3) Jeremy Joseph **KAISER**
 b. 25 Oct 1979,
 Manchester, Ia.

b. Christine Ann **KAISER** b. 21 Feb
 1955, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Jerry Lee **HOLTZ** (9 Feb 1951)
 on 11 Aug 1973, Anamosa, Ia.

ch: (1) Sarah Ann **HOLTZ**
 b. 20 May 1978,
 Anamosa, Ia.
 (2) Sadie Jo **HOLTZ**
 b. 3 June 1981,
 Anamosa, Ia.
 (3) Stacia Lee Ann **HOLTZ**
 b. 3 Aug 1987,
 Anamosa, Ia.

c. Constance Jean **KAISER** b. 26 July
 1957, Manchester, Ia.

d. Kevin James **KAISER** b. 14 Feb
 1959, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Norma Maxine **HENDERSON**
 (30 Apr 1959) on 13 Sept 1979,

Panora, Ia.

- ch: (1) Amanda Sue KAISER
b. Sept 1985.
(2) Nichole Marie KAISER
b. Apr 1990.

5. Robert Joseph KAISER b. 16 Mar 1932,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Adorine Anne HEIMS (3 Apr 1934) on
10 June 1952, Delhi, Ia.
d.
bur.

- ch: a. Kathy Esther KAISER 12 Sept
1953, Manchester, Ia.
m. Bruce Raymond HUTCHINSON
(10 Dec 1950) on 18 Aug 1972,
Manchester, Ia.
ch: (1) Rebecca Lynn
HUTCHINSON b. 15 May
1975, Manchester, Ia.
(2) Rachel Jean HUTCHINSON
b. 4 Nov 1976,
Manchester, Ia.
(3) Benjamin Eric
HUTCHINSON b. 31 Mar
1978, Manchester, Ia.
(4) Brett Michael
HUTCHINSON b. 24 Aug
1979, Manchester, Ia.

- b. Daniel Joseph KAISER b. 14 Sept
1955, Manchester, Ia.
m. Laura Lynn CLEMENS (15 Oct
1958) on 24 Apr 1976,
Masonville, Ia.

- ch: (1) Kelcy Melinda KAISER
b. 29 Oct 1976,
Independence, Ia.
(2) Joel Robert KAISER
b. 4 May 1979,
Independence, Ia.
(3) Kesha Danielle KAISER
31 Aug 1983,
Independence, Ia.

- c. Twyla Jean KAISER b. 13 Apr
1959, Manchester, Ia.
m. Dana Wayne DIETRICH
(15 May 1953) on 20 May 1978,
Manchester, Ia.

- ch: (1) Erick Matthew KAISER
b. 26 Aug 1980,
Manchester, Ia.
(2) Jessica Lei KAISER
b. 11 Dec 1981,

- Manchester, Ia.
 (3) Nathan Allen KAISER
 b. 11 May 1985,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (4) Kelly Ilene KAISER
 4 Sept 1988,
 Manchester, Ia.
- d. Laura Jane KAISER b. 10 June
 1961, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Mark Anthony RIES (1 July
 1959) on 1 Dec 1979,
 Manchester, Ia.
 ch: (1) Jill Marie RIES
 b. 15 May 1988,
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 (2) Brian Anthony RIES
 b. 5 Oct 1990,
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
- e. Jeffrey Robert KAISER b. 3 Sept
 1963, Manchester, Ia.
 d. 21 July 1987.
 bur. St. Mary's Cemetery,
 Manchester, Ia.
- f. Leanna Marie KAISER b. 9 Mar
 1967, Manchester, Ia.
6. Kenneth Francis KAISER b. 17 Aug 1934,
 Earlville, Ia.
 m. Mary Lou CONNOLLY (1936) on 4 Jan
 1955, Delhi, Ia.
 d. 28 Mar 1986.
 bur. St. Joseph's Cemetery, Earlville.
 ch: a. Cynthia Lou KAISER b. 9 Nov
 1955, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Dennis Alan ORR ((31 Aug
 1955) on 22 Aug 1975, Delhi, Ia.
 ch: (1) Erica Andrea ORR
 b. 18 Apr 1977,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Rachael Elizabeth ORR
 b. 19 July 1982,
 Manchester, Ia.
 (3) Jonathon James ORR
 b. 6 Mar 1989.
- b. Sandra Kay KAISER b. 13 Feb
 1957, Manchester, Ia.
 m. David KNAEBLE on 20 Oct
 1984, Dubuque, Ia.
 ch: (1) Nathan James KNAEBLE
 b. 8 Nov 1985.
 (2) Jodi Ann KNAEBLE
 b. 9 June 1987.
 (3) Jenna Marie KNAEBLE

- b. 15 Oct 1988.
 - c. Rebecca Sue KAISER b. 3 Dec 1958, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Charles Matthew MELCHERT (14 July 1959) on 25 Nov 1978, Delhi, Ia.
 ch: (1) Candace Christine MELCHERT b. 26 Mar 1979, Manchester, Ia.
 (2) Nicole Ann MELCHERT b. 16 Aug 1980, Manchester, Ia.
 (3) Stacey Jo MELCHERT b. Manchester, Ia.
 - d. Linda Jane KAISER b. 18 Aug 1960, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Christopher Robert JAY (30 Sept 1959) on 8 Sept 1983, Delhi, Ia.
 ch: (1) Ryan JAY
 (2) Nick JAY
 (3) Aaron Michael JAY b. 5 Oct 1989.
 (4) Andrew Robert JAY b. 18 Oct 1990.
 (5) Alexander JAY b. 1992.
 - e. Penny Jo KAISER b. 21 Aug 1963, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Ronald SWARTZ.
 ch: (1) Lindsay Christine SWARTZ b. 16 Oct 1983.
 (2) Benjamin Richard SWARTZ b. 27 May 1985.
 (3) Matthew Francis SWARTZ b. 25 Sept 1990.
- 7. John Andrew KAISER b. 26 Jan 1936, Earlville, Ia.
 m. Lois MENSEN (25 June 1942) on 6 Sept 1961, Manchester, Ia.
 d.
 bur
 ch: a. Gail Elaine KAISER b. 3 July 1962, Manchester, Ia.
 m. Brian ERDAHL (30 Dec 1961).
 d.
 bur.
 ch: (1) Samuel Jordan ERDAHL b. 21 July 1987.
 (2) Jonathon Aaron ERDAHL b. 18 Feb 1989.
 b. David Allen KAISER b. 25 May 1963, Manchester, Ia.

- m. Kristen Marie **SLIFKA**
(21 July 1964).
 - ch: (1) Elle Nicole **KAISER**
b. 18 Feb 1989.
 - (2) Kyle John **KAISER**
b. 11 Dec 1990.
 - c. Amy Jo **KAISER** b. 15 Apr 1966,
Manchester, Ia.
m. 1st Shawn **WALTON** in 1986.
Div.
m. 2nd David **GRAINGER**
in July 1990.
ch: (1) name unknown b. 1991.
 - d. Lisa Jean **KAISER** b. 21 Dec 1969,
Manchester, Ia.
- 8. Patricia Ann "Patti" **KAISER**
b. 29 June 1938 Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
- 9. Ruth Ann **KAISER** b. 27 Mar 1940,
Earlville, Ia.
d. 15 Nov 1956.
bur. Earlville, Ia.
- 10. Bonnie Jean **KAISER** b. 31 Oct 1942,
Manchester, Ia.
m. Ted J. **ANDERSON** (21 Aug 1942) on
31 Dec 1964, Earlville, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch:
 - a. Thomas Joseph **ANDERSON** b.
26 Sept 1965, Waterloo, Ia.
m. Lisa **ECKHARDT** on
10 Aug 1991.
 - b. James Russell **ANDERSON**
b. 6 Jan 1967, Waterloo, Ia.
 - c. Christian Michael **ANDERSON**
b. 14 May 1968, Waterloo, Ia.
 - d. Timothy John **ANDERSON**
b. 12 May 1970, Waterloo, Ia.
m. Michelle **CROASDALL**
on 14 Dec 1990.
 - e. Travis Lee **ANDERSON**
b. 10 Oct 1971, Waterloo, Ia.
 - f. Pamela Sue **ANDERSON**
b. 16 Nov 1972, Waterloo, Ia.
 - g. Nicholas James **ANDERSON**
b. 17 Jan 1981, Waterloo, Ia.
- C. Anna Josphine **KAISER** b. 29 June 1900,
Earlville, Ia.
m. Carl Emerson **RODRUCK** (24 Aug 1984-17 Oct 1985)
on 26 June 1919, Albert Lee, Mn.
d. 26 Dec 1940, Clarksville, Ia.

bur. Waverly, Ia.

ch: 1. Kathryn Mae RODRUCK b. 18 Mar 1921,
Waterloo, Ia.

m. Donald O. VAN VLACK (4 Jan 1923)
on 14 Feb 1989, Mesa, Az.

d.

bur.

ch: none

D. Frank KAISER b. circa 1906, Earlville, Ia.

m. SINGLE

d. 1975

bur. Earlville, Ia.

E. Edward Carl KAISER b. 17 Sept 1912, Earlville, Ia.

m. Hazel DUGGAN (d. 28 Feb 1986) on 14 Feb 1936.

d.

bur.

ch: none

II. Joseph A. GARRETT b. circa 1876/1877, Oneida Twp., Delaware
Co., Ia.

m. Blanche CORNWELL (18 June 1888-5 June 1970) on 13 Nov
1905, Manchester, Ia. Div. 1926.

d. 6 Aug 1948, Dubuque, Ia.

bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Ia.

ch: A. Mary Frances GARRETT b. 11 Jan 1909, Millville,
Oneida Twp., Delaware Co., Ia.

m. 1st Edward KIRKPATRICK.

d. 17 July 1956, Dubuque, Ia.

bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Ia.

ch: 1. Betty Lavon KIRKPATRICK b. 9 Aug 1926,
Dubuque, Ia.

m. Leo Phillip VOGT (9 June 1919) on
4 Feb 1946, Dubuque, Ia. Div.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Donna Mae VOGT b. 24 June 1947,
Dubuque, Ia.

m. John Martin BURNS (2 Apr
1948) on 8 June 1973. Div. 1988.

ch: (1) Jon Leo BURNS b. 18
Jan 1975, Dubuque, Ia.

(2) Donald Martin BURNS
b. 27 May 1977,
Dubuque, Ia.

b. Diana Lynn VOGT b. 19 Mar 1949,
Dubuque, Ia.

d. 30 Nov 1949.

c. Debra Ann VOGT b. 28 Feb 1951,
Dubuque, Ia.

m. Joseph Christopher HICKMON
(9 Mar 1950) on 4 Dec 1971,
Dubuque, Ia.

ch: (1) Joseph Christopher

- HICKMON, Jr. b. 4 Aug
1976, Dubuque, Ia.
- d. Dorothy Blanche **VOGT** b. 9 Mar
1953, Dubuque, Ia.
m. 1st
ch: (1) Kathy Jo **KIRBY** b.
8 Jan 1973, Dubuque.
Dorothy Blanche **VOGT**
m. 2nd
(2) Betty Jo Christine
GREEN b. 23 Aug 1975,
Dubuque, Ia.
(3) Dennis James **GREEN**,
Jr. b. 17 Apr 1977,
Dubuque, Ia.
(4) Daniel Joshua **GREEN**
b. 27 Sept 1978,
Dubuque, Ia.
Dorothy Blanche **VOGT**
m. 3rd Louie Gerard **BLACK** (22
May 1958) on 4 July 1982. Civil.
20 July 1987, Amarillo, Tx.
(Church)
- e. Danita Marie **VOGT** b. 18 Oct
1958, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Kenneth Dean **HART** (12 Apr
1962) on 31 Dec 1985,
Amarillo, Tx.
ch: (1) Angelica Marie **HART**
b. 11 July 1986,
Amarillo, Tx.
(2) Jeremy Dean **HART**
b. 5 Aug 1988,
Iowa City, Ia.
2. Charles Edward "Bob" **KIRKPATRICK** b. 29
July 1928, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Maxine Ann **HEITZ** (9 July 1929) on 20
Jan 1951, Dubuque, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Vern Joseph (son of Maxine)
KIRKPATRICK
b. 17 May 1947, Dubuque, Ia.
b. William Richard (son of Maxine)
KIRKPATRICK
b. 20 Aug 1949, Dubuque, Ia.
c. Mary Frances **KIRKPATRICK** b. 13
Nov 1953, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Gary **HITTENMILLER**.
d. 18 Sept 1984.
d. Michael Charles **KIRKPATRICK** b.
21 Apr 1955, Dubuque, Ia.

- d. 23 Dec 1975.
- e. Candace Marie **KIRKPATRICK** b.
23 Apr 1956, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Jason Richard
KIRKPATRICK b. 1983.
(Father is Joseph
HEALEY).
(2) Holly Marie
KIRKPATRICK b. 1985.
(Father is Joseph
HEALEY).
- f. Sherry Lynn **KIRKPATRICK** b. 23
May 1957, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Patrick Owen **FLAHERTY** (25
Oct 1957) on 10 Feb 1984,
Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) John Charles **FLAHERTY**
b. 17 Oct 1974,
Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Adam Owen **FLAHERTY** b.
3 Nov 1982, Dubuque.
(3) Daniel Michael Asa
FLAHERTY b. 3 Jan
1989, Dubuque, Ia.
(4) Casey James **FLAHERTY**
b. 13 Feb 1991,
Dubuque, Ia.
- g. Jennifer Jane **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 5 Aug 1959, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Mark **CAHILL** on 17 Aug 1982.
Div.
- h. Colleen Rose **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 1960, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Heather Lynn
KIRKPATRICK b. 14
Dec 1980, Dubuque, Ia.
- i. Jeffrey John **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 25 Nov 1961, Dubuque, Ia.
- j. Dennis James **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 23 Dec 1962, Dubuque, Ia.
- k. Nancy Kaye **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 28 Sept 1964, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Michael Christopher **CAHILL**
(11 Dec 1950) on 6 Oct 1984,
Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) John Edward **CAHILL**
b. 13 June 1985,
Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Christopher Joseph
CAHILL b. 4 Oct 1988,
Dubuque, Ia.
(3) Catharine Maria **CAHILL**

- b. 28 June 1990,
Dubuque, Ia.
1. Alesia Lucille **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 9 Sept 1965, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Joshua **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 6 Jan 1986,
Atlanta, Ga.
(2) Megan Lynn
KIRKPATRICK
b. 5 Feb 1992,
Dubuque, Ia.
 - m. Thomas Allen **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 3 Sept 1968, Dubuque, Ia.
 - n. Bruce Lee **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 11 Nov 1969, Dubuque, Ia.
 - o. Lucinda Maxine **KIRKPATRICK**
b. 26 Apr 1973, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Charles Edward
KIRKPATRICK b. 14 Jan 1991,
Dubuque, Ia.

Mary Frances **GARRETT**

m. 2nd Oliver Matthew **MERZ** (4 Apr 1901-3 Sept 1975) on 6 Dec 1930, Jackson Co., Ia.

ch: 3. Oliver James **MERZ**, Jr. b. 6 June 1931,
Dubuque, Ia.

m. Rae Marie **BISDORF** (6 Dec 1935) on
24 July 1954, Dubuque, Ia.

d.

bur.

ch: a. Kathy Jo **MERZ** b. 14 Jan 1955,
Dubuque, Ia.

d. 28 Feb 1955.

bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque.

b. Doris Marie **MERZ** b. 7 Feb 1956,
Dubuque, Ia.

m. Donald Lynn **CAPPAUL** (17 Sept 1955) on 23 Feb 1974, Dubuque.

ch: (1) Michelle Lynn **CAPPAUL**
b. 15 Sept 1974.

c. Patricia Ann **MERZ** b. 11 Feb 1957,
Dubuque, Ia.

m. William **ROOT** on 12 Dec 1980,
Dubuque, Ia.

ch: (1) Benjamin Lawrence
ROOT b. 2 Feb 1987.

d. Elizabeth "Beth" Kaye **MERZ**
b. 24 May 1960, Dubuque, Ia.

m. Michael Dolye **HANSON**
(12 Feb 1956) on 27 May 1978,
Dubuque, Ia.

e. John Joseph **MERZ** b. 8 Dec 1961,
Dubuque, Ia.

- m. Sandy BUOL (2 Apr 1963) on
22 June 1985, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Anthony MERZ b. 2 Nov
1990.
d. 2 Nov 1990.
- f. Sherry Lynn MERZ b. 18 Nov 1963,
Dubuque, Ia.
- g. Greg Stuart MERZ b. 28 Dec 1964,
Dubuque, Ia.
4. Dian Grace MERZ b. 25 Dec 1932, Dubuque.
m. 1st Bob RICHARDSON in 1951. Div. 1953.
d.
bur.
m. 2nd Calvin "Whitey" BRADBERRY (d. Feb
1991) on 22 Oct 1955, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: a. Susan Rae BRADBERRY
b. 9 Mar 1954, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Dennis SCHUMACHER in 1970,
Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Dennis Michael
SCHUMACHER.
- b. Carol Jean BRADBERRY b. 20 Oct
1956, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Gary VOGEL.
ch: (1) Stacy Lynn VOGEL.
(2) Gary VOGEL, Jr.
- c. Calvin John BRADBERRY, Jr.
b. 24 Aug 1957, Dubuque, Ia.
d. 26 Aug 1957.
bur. Calvary Cemetery, Dubuque.
- d. Calvin John BRADBERRY, Jr. II
b. 15 Sept 1959, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Susan Gloria AGUILAR on
7 July 1983, Philippines.
ch: (1) Calvin John
BRADBERRY, III.
(2) Jodi Sue BRADBERRY.
- e. Howard Joseph BRADBERRY
b. 7 Oct 1961, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Jill POTTEBAUM on 19 Aug
1989, Dubuque, Ia.
- f. Lori Ann BRADBERRY b. 23 Oct
1962, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Steve REMINGTON in 1981.
ch: (1) Tiana Marie
REMINGTON.
(2) Tasha Lynn
REMINGTON.
(3) Tabitha Nichole
REMINGTON.
- g. Linda Lee BRADBERRY b. 13 Feb
1966, Dubuque, Ia.

- m. Ashley "Bo" ABITZ.
 ch: (1) Crystal Jean ABITZ.
 (2) Lee Trenton ABITZ.
- h. Trudy Jo BRADBERRY b. 20 June 1968, Dubuque, Ia.
 ch: (1) male child b. 1991.
5. Gloria Jessie MERZ b. 25 Nov 1934, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Ralph Albert COCKRELL (30 Sept 1930-5 Nov 1990) on 25 Aug 1953, Dubuque, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Wesley Matthew COCKRELL
 b. 5 Oct 1954, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Cynthia Rose McDONALD (21 May 1955) on 22 July 1972, Dubuque, Ia.
 d. 8 Oct 1981, Germany.
 bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque.
 ch: (1) By adoption Steven Michael COCKRELL b. 17 Aug 1971, Dubuque.
 (2) Jamie Ray COCKRELL b. 20 May 1973, Minot, S.D.
 (3) By adoption Stacy Jo COCKRELL b. 10 June 1976, Kunsau, Korea.
 (4) Shanette Amber COCKRELL b. 20 Jan 1979, Omaha, Neb.
- b. Richard Dean COCKRELL b. 4 Sept 1955, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. 1st Julie Marie HOWELL.
 ch: (1) Richard Dean COCKRELL, Jr. b. 25 Oct 1974, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. 2nd Christine Ann SCHECKEL (2 Sept 1955) in 1985.
- c. Vickie Lynn COCKRELL b. 12 Nov 1957, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Roger Dale SCHUMACHER (27 Dec 1957) on 19 Dec 1974.
 ch: (1) Christine Marie SCHUMACHER b. 13 July 1975, El Paso, Tx.
 (2) Paul Warren SCHUMACHER b. 4 Nov 1976, El Paso, Tx.

- (3) Allen Joseph
SCHUMACHER b. 4 Nov
1976, El Paso, Tx.
- (4) Roger Dale
SCHUMACHER, Jr. b. 14
Nov 1977, El Paso, Tx.
- (5) Carla Mae
SCHUMACHER b. 7 Nov
1978, Dubuque, Ia.
- d. Sharon Kae "Sheri" COCKRELL
b. 21 Jan 1960, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Kevin VAN DEVELDE (6 June
1960) on 21 Aug 1982,
Prophetstown, Ill.
ch: (1) Wesley Lawrence VAN
DEVELDE b. 28 June
1984, Dixon, Ill.
(2) Nicole Elizabeth VAN
DEVELDE b. 3 Oct 1988,
Sterling Ill.
- e. Ginger Rae COCKRELL b. 8 Mar
1961, Dubuque, Ia.
- f. Deena Marie COCKRELL b. 13 Sept
1971, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Timothy John PERRY (2 Oct
1964) on 20 July 1990.
ch: (1) Timothy Michael
PERRY b. 29 Aug 1991,
Dubuque, Ia.
- 6. Joseph Otto MERZ b. 6 Oct 1936, Dubuque.
d. 25 Aug 1976.
bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Ia.
- 7. Donald Eugene MERZ b. 8 Nov 1938,
Dubuque, Ia.
m. Joan Marie CLOSE (9 Apr 1938) on
6 Dec 1958, Dubuque, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Jacqueline Joanne MERZ b. 4 Oct
1960, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Andy Carl CHASE (10 July
19 on 7 June 1980, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Amy JoAnne CHASE
b. 16 Apr 1985,
Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Lucas Carl CHASE
b. 17 Sept 1988,
Dubuque, Ia.
- b. Lawrence Allen MERZ b. 12 Oct
1961, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Diane Margaret WOLBERS
(7 June 1967) on 16 Aug 1991,

- N. Garryowen, Ia.
 ch: (1) Alex Michael MERZ
 b. 22 Jan 1990,
 Dubuque, Ia.
- c. Jeffrey James MERZ b. 17 Sept
 1962, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Julie Ann FREESE (14 Feb
 1964) on 24 Mar 1984, Dubuque.
 Div. in 1989.
 ch: (1) Sara Lynn MERZ
 b. 23 July 1984,
 Dubuque, Ia.
- d. Richard Anthony MERZ b. 21 May
 1967, Dubuque, Ia.
- e. Christopher Michael b. 23 Oct
 1970, Dubuque, Ia.
- f. Kathy Anne MERZ b. 7 Nov 1972,
 Dubuque, Ia.
8. Beverly Jean MERZ b. 7 Jan 1941, Dubuque,
 Ia.
 m. Vernon "Joseph" Michael McDERMOTT
 (4 Nov 1937) on 19 Nov 1960, Dubuque, Ia.
 Div. 1976.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Mary Jo Ann McDERMOTT b. 23 May
 1960, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. James Gerard ERNZEN (9 July
 1955) common law.
 ch: (1) David Joseph ERNZEN
 b. 21 June 1982,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 (2) Beth Ann ERNZEN
 b. 4 Jan 1986,
 Iowa City, Ia.
 (3) Benjamin John ERNZEN
 b. 28 Feb 1987,
 Iowa City, Ia.
 (4) Jessica Lynn ERNZEN
 b. 28 Dec 1988,
 Dubuque, Ia.
- b. Teresa Margaret McDERMOTT
 b. 9 June 1961, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Raymond James BEHNKE (13 Mar
 1955) on 20 Mar 1980, Dubuque.
 ch: (1) Kristine Lee BEHNKE
 b. 6 July 1980;
 Dubuque, Ia.
- c. Sandra Kay McDERMOTT
 b. 8 Oct 1962, Dubuque, Ia.
 ch: (1) Michelle Jean
 McDERMOTT b. 8 Jan

- 1983, Dubuque, Ia.
(Father is David
RHODES.)
- (2) Amanda Lynn **McDERMOTT**
b. 13 Dec 1984,
Dubuque, Ia. (Father
is Scott **SLEGWORTH.**)
- m. Dean James **NEUHAUS** (11 June
1957) on 18 Mar 1985,
Sarasota, Fl.
- ch: (3) Patricia Jane **NEUHAUS**
b. 10 June 1986,
Dubuque, Ia.
- (4) Edward Lawrence Dean
James **NEUHAUS**, III b.
11 Jan 1988, Dubuque.
- (5) Michael Joseph **NEUHAUS**
b. 20 Feb 1989,
Maquoketa, Ia.
- (6) Dean James **NEUHAUS**
b. 8 July 1990,
Maquoketa, Ia.
- (7) Tyler John **NEUHAUS**
b. 6 June 1991,
Maquoketa, Ia.
- d. Joseph Michael **McDERMOTT**
b. 24 Feb 1964, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Nancy Ann **BECKER** (24 Sept
1965) on 13 June 1987, Dubuque.
- ch: (1) Kim Marie **McDERMOTT**
b. 16 Feb 1982,
Dubuque, Ia.
- (2) Jennifer Ann **McDERMOTT**
b. 10 Jan 1983,
Dubuque, Ia.
- (3) Cynthia Lynn **McDERMOTT**
b. 26 June 1985,
Dubuque, Ia.
- (4) Joseph Michael
McDERMOTT, b. 17 July
1989, Dubuque, Ia.
- e. Jacqueline Marie **McDERMOTT**
b. 6 Feb 1965, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Jay Kim **WHITTINGTON** (27 July
1951) on 4 May 1990, Dubuque.
- ch: (1) Daniel Jay **WHITTINGTON**
b. 8 Nov 1985,
Dubuque, Ia.
- (2) Susan Lynn **WHITTINGTON**
b. 2 June 1987,
Dubuque, Ia.
- f. James Edward **McDERMOTT**

- b. 10 July 1966, Dubuque, Ia.
 - d. 11 Dec 1985.
 - g. Thomas John **McDERMOTT**
 - b. 18 Aug 1967, Dubuque, Ia.
 - h. William Patrick **McDERMOTT**
 - b. 21 Mar 1970, Dubuque, Ia.
 - i. Dan Robert **McDERMOTT**
 - b. 11 May 1971, Dubuque, Ia.
 - j. Edward Aaron **McDERMOTT**
 - b. 29 Sept 1978, Dubuque, Ia.
 - (Father is Dennis Michael **SCHUMACHER**, Sr.)
- 9. Carol Rose **MERZ** b. 4 Nov 1942, Dubuque.
 - m. James Henry **HENKEL** (10 Sept 1941) on 10 Sept 1962, Dubuque, Ia.
 - d. bur.
 - ch:
 - a. Katherine Marie **HENKEL** b. 11 July 1963, Dubuque, Ia.
 - b. Kenneth James **HENKEL**
 - b. 23 Apr 1965, Dubuque, Ia.
 - m. Laura Lee **BOVEE** (15 Dec 1959) on 19 Sept 1987, Dubuque, Ia.
 - ch: (1) Ashley Marie **HENKEL**
 - b. 28 Dec 1988, Dubuque, Ia.
 - c. Karen Sue **HENKEL** b. 15 Dec 1966, Dubuque, Ia.
 - d. Keith Joseph **HENKEL**
 - b. 14 June 1972, Dubuque, Ia.
- 10. Nancy Kaye **MERZ** b. 15 Nov 1946, Dubuque.
 - m. Dennis John **HERMSEN** (22 Apr 1942) on 5 Feb 1966, Dubuque, Ia.
 - d. bur.
 - ch:
 - a. Janice Marie **HERMSEN**
 - b. 31 July 1966, Dubuque, Ia.
 - b. Keith Joseph **HERMSEN**
 - b. 7 May 1968, Dubuque, Ia.
 - m. Illa Jean **SCHOENBERGER** (21 Oct 1970) on 6 Oct 1990, Dubuque, Ia.
 - c. Sherry Sue **HERMSEN**
 - b. 3 Mar 1970, Dyersville, Ia.
 - d. Vicky Jo **HERMSEN**
 - b. 13 July 1975, Dubuque, Ia.
- 11. Terry Lee **MERZ** b. 20 Feb 1948, Dubuque.
 - m. 1st
 - d. bur.
 - m. 1st
 - ch:
 - a. Lisa Marie **MERZ** b. 6 Nov 1970,

Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Christian MERRIMAN (8 Apr 1971) on 10 Aug 1991, Dubuque.
 ch: (1) Austin Lee MERRIMAN
 b. 15 Oct 1991,
 Davenport, Ia.
 b. Christian Robert MERZ
 b. 2 Aug 1972, Dubuque, Ia.
 Terry Lee MERZ
 m. 2nd Carol Lynn JENAMAN
 (7 July 1954) on 19 July 1975,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 c. Kelly Jean MERZ
 b. 13 Feb 1976, Dubuque, Ia.
 d. Matthew Lee Joseph MERZ
 b. 24 Sept 1978, Dubuque, Ia.

12. Cheryl (Sue) Ann MERZ b. 3 Apr 1949,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Vincent Raymond LOPEZ III (31 Mar 1947) on 26 May 1969, Dubuque, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Jeremy Michael LOPEZ
 b. 32 May 1973, Dubuque, Ia.
 b. Jenny Lynn LOPEZ
 b. 30 Sept 1977, Dubuque, Ia.

13. Janice Marie MERZ b. 11 May 1950,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 m. John Lester "Jack" PEIL (4 July 1942) on 14 Dec 1968, Dubuque, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Trina Marie PEIL b. 3 Mar 1970,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Gary F. HOLZ (21 Mar 1963) on 14 Oct 1989.
 b. Tyrone John PEIL b. 7 July 1972,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 c. Tamara Sue PEIL b. 1 May 1975,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 d. Timothy Joe PEIL b. 24 Nov 1977,
 Dubuque, Ia.

14. Dennis Raymond MERZ b. 17 Mar 1952,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 m. 1st
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Sean Michael MERZ b. 1 July 1974,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 m. 2nd Diane Marie MUSSEHL (18 Jan 1953) on 5 Mar 1983,
 Dubuque, Ia.

B. Robert GARRETT b. circa 1910 in Montana.

- d. age eight months, Buena Vista, Ia.
- C. Dorothy Blanche **GARRETT** b. 6 Jan 1912,
Dyersville, Ia.
m. Malcolm David **DIERS** (23 May 1911) on 21 Sept
1929, Galena, Ill.
d. 27 Sept 1981, Dubuque, Ia.
bur. Dubuque Memorial Gardens, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: 1. Robert **DIERS** b. stillborn at home in
1930.
2. Shirley Lorraine **DIERS** b. 28 Dec 1931.
Dubuque, Ia.
m. William Henry **BERSLEY** (2 Oct 1927-
17 July 1988) on 30 Aug 1952, Dubuque.
d.
bur.
ch: none
- D. Bernice E. **GARRETT** b. 8 Aug 1914, Dyersville, Ia.
m. Charles **THURSTON**, Sr. (6 Dec 1912-26 Dec 1974)
on 12 Sept 1933, Dubuque, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: 1. Charles "Chuck" **THURSTON**, Jr. b. 31 Mar
1935, Iowa City, Ia.
m. Ramona **FRETT** (5 Mar 1934) on 19 Sept
1953, Dubuque, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Daniel C. **THURSTON** b. 22 July
1954, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Lois Ann **COOK** (7 Apr 1955)
on 18 Oct 1975.
ch: (1) Derick **THURSTON**
b. 13 July 1980,
Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Amber **THURSTON**
b. 13 June 1983,
Davenport, Ia.
(3) Jamie **THURSTON**
b. 8 Nov 1976,
Davenport, Ia.
b. Christine M. **THURSTON**
b. 29 Mar 1956, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Garry **KAHLE** on 6 Sept 1975.
c. Vickie A. **THURSTON**
b. 30 Dec 1958, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Timothy V. **NEMMERS**
(27 June 1957) on 26 Aug 1978,
Sherrill, Ia.
ch: (1) Carissa A **NEMMERS**
b. 16 Feb 1987,
Dubuque, Ia.
d. David K. **THURSTON** b. 16 July

- 1959, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Carolyn Christine **COUSINS**
 (25 Dec 1954) on 16 Aug 1980,
 Waterville, N.H.
 ch: (1) Daneille L. **THURSTON**
 b. 24 Mar 1984,
 Wolfeboro, N.H.
 (2) Julie L. **THURSTON**
 b. 4 Nov 1986,
 Wolfeboro, N.H.
- e. Linda L. **THURSTON** b. 13 Apr
 1962, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. David Wayne **FREDERICK**
 (12 Mar 1960) on 16 July
 1982, Sherrill, Ia.
 ch: (1) Jeremy David
 FREDERICK
 b. 30 Sept 1986,
 Robinsdale, Mn.
 (2) Gregory Douglas
 FREDERICK
 b. 24 Apr 1988,
 Robinsdale, Mn.
 (3) Sarah Lynn **FREDERICK**
 b. 27 July 1991,
 Robinsdale, Mn.
- f. John P. **THURSTON** b. 6 Jan 1967,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Lois **WEBER** on 16 Sept 1989.
2. Robert **THURSTON** b. 31 Mar 1939, Dubuque.
 m. Charlene **HEADLEY**.
 d. 7 Nov 1965.
 bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Ia.
 ch: none
3. Jearld Edward **THURSTON** b. 7 Jan 1942,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Thelma **BLOCK**.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. Thomas James **THURSTON**
 b. 31 Oct 1961, Dubuque, Ia.
 b. Barbra Mary **THURSTON**
 b. 13 Nov 1962, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Paul Raymond **PEIFFER** (26
 Apr 1949) on 6 June 1980,
 Temple Hill, Ia.
 ch: (1) Jennifer Lynn **PEIFFER**
 b. 9 June 1981,
 Dubuque, Ia.
 (2) Marie Ann **PEIFFER**
 b. 1 July 1983,
 Dubuque, Ia.

- (3) MaryKay Ann PEIFFER
b. 21 Mar 1986,
Iowa City, Ia.
 - c. Catherine Lynn THURSTON b. 19
June 1964, Dubuque, Ia.
 - d. Rhonda Kay THURSTON
b. July 1965.
m. Mark JENNINGS.
 - e. Sherri Kay THURSTON
b. 11 Dec 1968.
m. BUSH
 - f. Gerald Thomas THURSTON
b. 22 Apr 1973.
- 4. Richard THURSTON b. 18 Nov 1946, Dubuque.
d. 21 June 1948.
bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Ia.
- 5. Sharon THURSTON b. 5 Mar 1951, Dubuque.
m. Richard GARNER.
d.
bur.
- E. Laura Fern GARRETT b. 30 Jan 1916, Dyersville, Ia.
m. James Bernard FLURY (24 Aug 1913-31 July 1961)
at Dubuque, Ia.
d. 14 Mar 1973, Independence, Ia.
bur. Dubuque, Ia.
ch: 1. Mary Elizabeth FLURY b. 15 Apr 1930,
Dubuque, Ia.
m. 1st Charles HAFERBACKER.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Carol Jean HAFERBACHER b. 27
Oct 1951, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Douglas Arthur PAUL (26 Oct
1953) on 4 Feb 1972, Dubuque.
d.
bur.
ch: (1) Steven Douglas PAUL
b. 1 June 1972,
Dubuque, Ia.
(2) Summer Elizabeth PAUL
b. 4 May 1978,
Dubuque, Ia.
- b. Laura Kay HAFERBACHER b. 23 Feb
1953, Dubuque, Ia.
- c. Steven Charles HAFERBACHER
b. 5 Aug 1954, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Stephen Jorg LOHMANN
b. 29 July 1974,
Furth, Germany.
(2) Charmane Marie
HAFERBACHER b. 19 Feb
1976, Chicago, Ill.

- m. Donna Marie **WILLETT** (11 Nov 1959) on 15 June 1987, Phoenix, Az.
 ch: (3) Amber Christine **HAFERBACHER**
 b. 12 Sept 1986, Phoenix, Az.
 (4) Ashley Elizabeth **HAFERBACHER**
 b. 24 Sept 1987, Glendale, Az.
- d. Michael Thomas **HAFERBACHER**
 b. 2 Feb 1956, Dubuque, Ia.
 Mary Elizabeth **FLURY**
 m. 2nd Lloyd George **HERMAN**, Jr.
 (9 Jul 1938) on 3 Feb 1963, Dubuque, Ia.
 ch: e. Lloyd George **HERMAN** III
 b. 29 Sept 1964, Dubuque, Ia.
2. James Bernard **FLURY** b. 1936, Dubuque, Ia.
 d. 1936.
3. Charlotte Helen **FLURY** b. 11 Aug 1937, Dubuque, Ia.
 d. 21 Aug 1937.
4. Glenn Thomas **FLURY** b. 2 Apr 1939, Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Luanne Rose **WESTEMEYER** (7 Apr 1945) on 20 Nov 1971, Epworth, Ia.
 d.
 bur.
 ch: a. April Ann **SCHROMEN** b. 11 Apr 1964, Dubuque, Ia. (Child of Luanne **WESTEMEYER** and Lloyd **SCHROMEN**.)
 m. John Michael **BERENDES** (3 Sept 1964) on 26 Oct 1985, St. Donatus, Ia.
 ch: (1) Autumn Rose **BERENDES**
 b. 25 Feb 1987, Dubuque, Ia.
 (2) Jeremy Earl **BERENDES**
 b. 16 Dec 1990, Dubuque, Ia.
- b. Lloyd Edward **SCHROMEN**, Jr.
 b. 11 May 1965, Dubuque, Ia. (Child of Luanne **WESTEMEYER** and Lloyd **SCHROMEN**.)
- c. Amber Ann **FLURY** b. 26 Jan 1973, Dubuque, Ia.
- d. Glenn Thomas **FLURY**, Jr.
 b. 28 Aug 1977, Dubuque, Ia.
5. John Richard **FLURY** b. Dubuque, Ia.
 m. Constance Rae **HENKEL** (22 Feb 1943)

- on 17 Mar 1962, Dubuque, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Jeanne Rae **FLURY** b. 28 Sept
1962, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Gregory Allen **FOHT** (31 Aug
1953) on 17 Mar 1989, Dubuque.
ch: (1) Kelli Rae **FOHT**
b. 24 Aug 1990,
Dubuque, Ia.
b. John Robert **FLURY** b. 23 June
1964, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Mary Lou **AHMANN** (30 Dec 1964)
on 6 June 1987.
ch: (1) Kathleen Lorraine
FLURY b. 23 Nov 1991,
Dubuque, Ia.
6. James Earl **FLURY** b. 4 Feb 1944, Dubuque.
m. Linda Lou **SANDS** (25 Oct 1950) on
27 Apr 1968, East Dubuque, Ill.
d. 5 July 1972, Dubuque, Ia.
bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: a. Barbara Ann **FLURY**
b. 21 Sept 1968, Dubuque, Ia.
b. Sheri Elaine **FLURY**
b. 5 Sept 1969, Dubuque, Ia.
c. James William **FLURY**
b. 5 Sept 1969, Dubuque, Ia.
7. Shirley Pat **FLURY** b. 28 Mar 1945,
Dubuque, Ia.
m. Albert William **HUSEMANN** (9 Apr
1943) on 27 Aug 1966, Dubuque, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. Beverly Ann **HUSEMANN**
b. 19 Mar 1967, Dubuque, Ia.
ch: (1) Adam James **HUSEMANN**
JURISIC b. 25 Dec
1985, Dubuque, Ia.
m. Ricky Ray **JURISIC** (4 Sept
1960) on 22 Oct 1988, Dubuque.
(2) Damian Albert **JURISIC**
b. 11 Apr 1989,
Dubuque, Ia.
b. Ruth Mary **HUSEMANN**
b. 3 July 1969, Dubuque, Ia.
d. 5 July 1969, Dubuque, Ia.
c. Julie Jane **HUSEMANN**
b. 1 Mar 1971, Dubuque, Ia.
8. Beverly Ann **FLURY** b. 6 Dec 1947,
Dubuque, Ia.
d. 7 Aug 1960.

9. David Walter **FLURY** b. 14 Apr 1954,
Dubuque, Ia.
m. Ellen Ann **BLOCKLINGER** (11 Mar 1960)
on 22 June 1990, Dubuque, Ia.
d.
bur.
ch: a. David Allen **FLURY**
b. 6 Jan 1987, Dubuque, Ia.
- F. Charlotte **BATTERTON GARRETT** b. date unknown to
? **BATTERTON** and Pearl **CORNWELL**. Raised by
Blanche (**CORNWELL**) **GARRETT** after the death of
Pearl **BATTERTON**, Blanche's sister.
m. Cecil "Bill" **RHOADES**.
d.
bur. Riverside or Blyth, Ca.
ch: 1. Charlene A. **RHOADES** b. 1 May 1940.
d. 4 July 1941.
bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Ia.
2. Carol Ann **RHOADES** b. 15 Nov 1941.
d. 11 Jan 1945.
bur. Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Ia.
3. Connie **RHOADES** b. circa 1946.
m. **BEASLEY**.
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
4. Carl **RHOADES** b. circa 1948-1949.
m.
d.
bur.
ch: DATA UNAVAILABLE
- III. Robert J. **GARRETT** b. circa 1881, Oneida Twp.,
Delaware Co., Ia.
d. circa 1891, accidental shooting.
bur. St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.
- IV. Carl M. **GARRETT** b. 29 July 1882/1883, Oneida Twp.
Delaware Co., Ia.
m. Bertha Amelia **SEIG** (10 Dec 1885-6 Sept 1959)
on 3 Sept 1910.
d. 16 Oct 1970, Rockwell, Ia.
bur. Fairview Cemetery, Earlville, Ia.
ch: none
- V. UNKNOWN CHILD **GARRETT**
d. probably as an infant, before 1900.
bur. probably St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Dyersville, Ia.

THE LOST SCHALLER RELATIVES

Earlier in this book, the stories of the five immigrant Schaller siblings were explored as fully as possible with the existing information. Some people who read this may have heard the names of these siblings spoken over the years and may have known that in some way they were relatives. Others learned it only by reading this book. But unknown to all of the descendants of the five branches is the fact that there was at least one more living Schaller sibling. The information that follows reconstructs what is known about one lost Schaller brother and other possible relatives.

To learn there was another Schaller sibling who stayed in Bohemia was both unexpected and exciting. No one in the currently living generations of descendants was aware that there was another Schaller brother. His existence was learned through the ever-valuable salvaged family papers. The passage of time and the change of language from German to English had succeeded in putting the information on a back shelf until only a few years ago.

There were actually three different sources that pointed to the fact that there was another Schaller brother:

1. A 1903 letter written to Mrs. Elizabeth Bonstetter.
2. The account book of Joseph Schaller.
3. A 1901 receipt for a \$25 draft from Mrs. Bonstetter to the Anglo-Austrian Bank for "Johan Schaller."

These three sources proved irrefutably that Mary Sellner, Joseph Schaller, Barbara Fehlhauer, Elizabeth Bonstetter, and Anna Garrett had a brother alive in Schilligkau as late as 1903.

The first source, the 1903 letter, was handwritten in German on 2 February 1903 from Schilligkau, Bohemia, by a Schaller brother who did not sign his name. A translation of the letter follows:

ENVELOPE

Miss Elisabeth Bonstetter
West Bend
Palo Alto Co
Iowa
Nord Amerika

LETTER

Dear Sister!

I don't hear anything from you, not a single line. I'm sure the other sisters [geschwister] will have notified you I'm in sickbed and will be relieved soon. It's been so long you haven't written to me I haven't written because there wasn't an address. [Elizabeth had moved from the farm in Kossuth County to the town of West Bend in Palo Alto County in 1900.] But now brother-in-law Fehlhauer mailed me your address. So I am going to beg you for

some donation for my illness. But the most desired wish would be a nice funeral and a nice place of rest. The expenses are great when you are over three years in bed constantly. What I suffer it is hard to say. It is very difficult for my family. Please write. I apologize if I hurt your feelings or made you mad in the previous years. Don't let me die without hearing from you. I don't want to pass into eternity without reconciliation. I expect an answer soon and greetings from your sick brother. Also from my wife and daughter.

[no name signed]

The letter raised almost as many puzzling questions as it answered. How fascinating it would be to learn more about this elusive Schaller brother! He was seeking forgiveness and reconciliation. Were there truly hard feelings between him and his sister, or might they have been imagined by him because she had not written for so long? (Recall that Elizabeth was going through a difficult time in her own life.) If the estrangement was real, did it involve the other siblings? Did Elizabeth answer his letter? Why did he not join his siblings in America? Did he ask for help from all his siblings or only from Elizabeth? Did he live in House #9, the ancestral Schaller home? Did he have other children besides the daughter he mentioned in the letter? How long did he live after he wrote the letter, and what confined him to bed for three years? The letter is a sad and haunting one, and it gives family members a rare and intimate glimpse into the inner feelings of our ancestors. It reveals our predecessors as real human beings with very real emotions and problems. They were more than veiled figures of the past. As mentioned in another part of the book, the Josef Haas family from Röthenbach, Germany, may be descended from this brother who was living in Schilligkau in 1903. With enough time and determination, this mystery could probably be solved, but not in time for inclusion in this book.

The second source that proved there was another Schaller brother was the account book of Joseph Schaller of West Bend, Iowa. From the entries, it was learned that he wrote at least three letters to a brother in "Deutschland" [Germany] from 1893 to 1896. The letters were written or mailed on 18 February 1893, 3 March 1894, and early January 1896. It was because he kept track of all his expenses that Joseph put the transaction in his account book. The stamp of each letter cost him five cents. There was another mention of his brother in Germany in Joseph's book, but it was not the mailing of a letter. The entry was so strange, the aid of a German translator was solicited. Both the author of the book and the translator were baffled by the entry. When translated to English, it meant:

"Received ant eggs and herb tea from brother in Germany."

The term used for herb tea was "Krauter Teh" which had to do with

an herb extract that was used to flavor liquor and came from the Alb, a region in southern Germany. The "ant egg" entry remains a mystery. Might it have been a delicacy or perhaps have been used for medicinal purposes?

The third source proving there was another Schaller brother was a receipt dated 27 March 1901 for a \$25 draft. The money was sent by Mrs. Bonstetter through the Union State Bank of West Bend to the Anglo-Austrian Bank, no city named. It was made payable to the order of "Johan Schaller." This piece of information took on extreme importance, for it finally provided a name for the person assumed to be Elizabeth's brother in Schilligkau: Johan (usually spelled Johann) Schaller. The records from the archives then proved without a doubt that the brother in Germany was Johann Schaller.

An attempt was made in 1991 to contact possible Schaller cousins, descendants of the Schaller brother who lived in Schilligkau as late as 1903. Armed with information from the Minnesota German-Bohemian Heritage Society, three letters were written to persons whose addresses were current in 1976. Two of the three families answered.

The family of Anna (Schaller) Müller of Büttelborn, Germany, sent detailed family charts showing their relationship to our Schaller family in America. Our first common ancestor was Joseph Schaller born 16 March 1774 in house #9 in Schilligkau, Bohemia. Our two lines diverged at that point, with Anna's people descending from a son, Joseph, and our people descending from another son, George. Anna Müller is a third cousin to the author's mother, Florence Behrends, and all those in her generation.

The relationship of these two Schaller families living on different continents and unaware of having the same blood line takes on an added twist with the start of World War II. Anna Müller, mentioned above, had three brothers who were born in Schilligkau and who fought in the German army. George Schaller died in Russia in 1942; Joseph Schaller died in France in 1944; and Franz Schaller died in Germany in 1945. These Schaller brothers were three of the twenty-two men from the tiny village of Schilligkau who died for a cause they did not espouse. A continent away, five Schaller brothers from West Bend, Iowa, sons of Joseph and Elizabeth Schaller, served in the United States Army during and shortly after the same war. None of these brothers actually fought in the European theater, and all returned home. But Schaller cousins fought on opposing sides of the War, unaware of each other's existence.

The second German family to answer the author's letter was that of Josef Haas of Röthenbach, Germany. Though they did not have the name Schaller, they were contacted simply because they lived in House #9 in Schilligkau, the same house in which all the immigrant Schaller siblings were born. Surprisingly, not only did the author learn more about the house and village, but also learned that Josef Haas' grandmother was born a Schaller. Immediately, the thought came to mind: could his grandmother be the daughter mentioned by the elusive brother in his 1903 letter to Elizabeth

Bonstetter? Our direct Schaller ancestors lived in House #9 since before 1774 to the time they came to America in the late 1860s. Josef Haas' grandmother was a Schaller born in House #9 about 1870. It certainly seems plausible that the Schaller brother who mentioned his daughter in the 1903 letter to Mrs. Bonstetter was, in fact, the father of Josef Haas' grandmother who was born about 1870 in House #9. The Haas family does not know the names of their ancestors beyond the grandmother, and they reported that many records were destroyed in the war. They feel, however, that the dates are right and that the grandmother was probably the daughter mentioned in the 1903 letter. If she is, the Haas name can join the Sellners, Schallers, Fehlhauers, Bonstetters, and Garretts as descendants of George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner of Schilligkau; and they are as closely related to us as we are to each other.

It has been established that there definitely was another Schaller brother who was still alive in Schilligkau in 1903. Were there other siblings? There is a possibility there were others. There is no firm evidence, only tantalizing clues to suggest their existence.

1. In a 1974 questionnaire to Ed Schaller concerning his father's (Joseph Schaller) trip to America, Ed's wife, Rose, wrote back, "Ed says his Dad and a brother came from Germany at the same time." No other evidence has ever been found for the existence of this possible brother in America. Also, another living sibling was not listed by the archivist.

2. A son-in-law of Joseph Henry Schaller was told by Joe that Joe had cousins in Illinois (place unknown) but that there was no contact between them.

3. Joseph Henry Schaller's sponsors at his baptism in 1885 were Martin Bonstetter and **Margaret Schaller**. Who is Margaret Schaller? During all this researcher's work, the name never surfaced except in this baptismal record. Could she have been a Schaller sibling? A sister-in-law? This researcher feels that if Margaret had lived in the areas of West Bend or Earlville, Iowa, she would have emerged at some point along the way. Might Margaret be from the possible Illinois Schallers? What accounts for her sudden appearance and just as sudden disappearance? Is she, in fact, proof of yet another lost Schaller relative?

There is yet another mystery in the tale of lost Schaller relatives, and this one remains as unresolved as the day the letter was found and translated. Among old family papers was another letter that raised more questions and answered none. A greeting card with a letter was postmarked 10 May 1935 from Leitmeritz on the Elbe, North Bohemia, sent to Mrs. Anna Schaller at Mrs. Anne Bannier (??), Bode 4, West Bend, Iowa. The handwriting was beautiful ink script, written by Roserl (or Rossell/Rosseel) Schierrerr/Schurrer. A general translation follows:

My dearest Mother and Sister,

I received your cards and thousands of thanks for the kindness.

I was so happy to receive the letter because it has been so long since I heard news. It doesn't pass a quarter of an hour, especially in the evenings, that I don't think of you. [You is singular, as if she is speaking only to the mother.] I hope when you read these lines you are healthy and well at Anna's place. [As though she had traveled from one place to another.] I would like to be there when you meet again. How nice it will be, and maybe will be again someday. There is nothing new here. Little boy [no name given] is slightly sick. He had coughing and sneezing, but it's getting better. I'm going to finish this letter and get it off. Expect with longing news from you. Also thousands of greetings and kisses from your daughter Roserl.

[At the bottom of the letter:]

Dear Anna I hope that you receive my letter and also the photos I included. You are going to be very happy that mother is with you. [It was stated as though mother had traveled from one place to another.] Thousands of greetings and kisses. Greetings to your husband and dear boys.

On 30 May 1935, twenty days after the 10 May 1935 New York postmark on the card and letter from Roserl, Joseph H. Schaller of West Bend, Iowa, sent a letter back to "Rosseel Schierrer" in Leitmeritz, North Bohemia. (The spelling of Rosseel is open to question.) On 12 July 1935, it was postmarked in Leitmeritz to be returned to Joseph Schaller of West Bend. Roserl never received it. Joe wrote his letter in German, and from the contents, it's obvious he is confused as to who these people are.

Dear relatives,

Finally I get to writing you a few lines. I thankfully received your letter with the card. Mother and father are dead for a long time. Mother is already dead for 23 years. I am one of the boys, Joseph. There are six of us--four boys and two girls. We would like to know how you all are. Write again. Heartfelt greetings to all. My mother's name was Weinzetl.

Joseph Schaller
West Bend, Iowa

Joe Schaller answered the letter out of politeness, even though it appears he really didn't know why they were writing or who these people were. His mentioning that his mother, Anna (Weinzetl) Schaller Yackley, was dead for twenty-three years was his attempt to show them they couldn't be talking about the same person. Roserl couldn't have been a relative of Anna (Weinzetl) Schaller, but rather of her first husband, Joseph Schaller, the immigrant. It seems likely that the Anna Schaller whom Roserl

thought she was writing was not the Anna Schaller who was the mother of Joe and the wife of Joseph Schaller who died in 1897. Who was Roserl really trying to communicate with? Did the letter get to Joe Schaller simply because the post office did not know who else to give it to? Was there another Anna Schaller who came to West Bend to visit or live? Was Joseph Schaller aware of this Anna Schaller? Did Roserl address the envelope incorrectly with either the wrong name or the wrong address? Who is Anne Bannier? Might the Roserl Schierrerr/Schurrer actually be a relative from the family of a Josef Schurrer who was found living in House #35a in Schilligkau in 1945? (Chronik Der Pfarrgemeinde Berg, p. 197.)

Even though both letters are confusing, these few things seem clear: Joseph H. Schaller got this letter because his mother's name had been Anna Schaller, but it was not actually meant for his mother; Roserl was probably born a Schaller because she referred to herself as a daughter of Anna Schaller, but her married name was Schierrerr/Schurrer; Roserl's mother was visiting a daughter in America, apparently near Bode or West Bend; Roserl probably was a cousin of the Schallers, but Joe may not have even been aware of her existence in 1935; Roserl had a married sister named Anne Bannier. Unless more information is found, these curious letters and the people involved in them will remain a mystery.

The search for these lost Schaller relatives was both exciting and fruitful. Some cousins were found, as in the case of the Müller family, and some only suspected, as in the case of the Haas family. Some, like the Schierrerr/Schurrer family may be lost to us forever. People may say, "What difference does it make?" Perhaps it doesn't make any difference at all in the lives of most. But to a family researcher, every stone must be turned, and the quest is as exciting as the find. Past experience has shown that previously unknown relatives often become true friends, and those friendships continue indefinitely.

From Ludwig's brother
not yet named, young
"Big" Alf Schaller
died
New man's wife in
and his brother (Alf)
[ENVELOPE]

[ENVELOPE]

Miss

Elizabeth Bonstetter

West Bend, Iowa

Yours
Johann Schaller

Philippine Jan 20, 1903

Dear Philipp!

I am very glad you are
well, and in the same way
I am glad to hear of your
success in the business and
in the family.

I am glad to hear of your
success in the business and
in the family.

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Unsigned letter written 20 February 1903 to Elizabeth Bonstetter of West Bend, Iowa, by her unnamed brother in Schilligkau. Later research revealed this brother's name was Johann Schaller. Shown are the envelope and two of the four pages.

Photos of SCHALLER Sibling Heirlooms

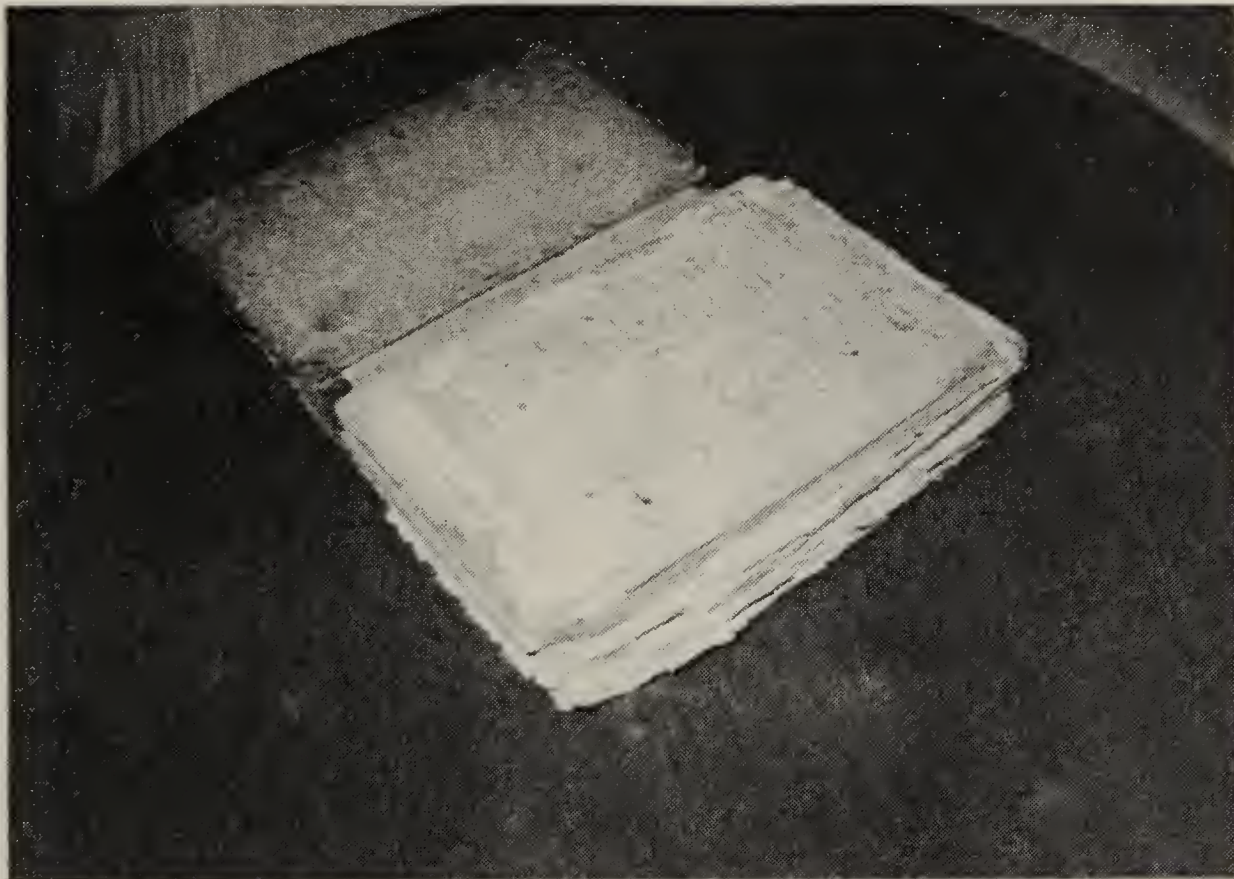
- #120 Old German bible history that once belonged to Joseph Schaller of West Bend, Ia. Title and copyright pages missing. The name "Josef Schaller" is handwritten on the inside back cover. The handwritten sheet on top of the book, dated 10 Feb 1891, shows the persons who gave money to pay for supplies and expenses at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in West Bend.
- #121 Old German bible history that once belonged to "Josef Schaller."
- #122 Joseph Schaller's account book. In this lined notebook Joseph kept meticulous account of the items he bought and sold from the years 1893 to 1896.
- #123 Side chair once owned by Elizabeth (Schaller) Bonstetter of West Bend, later by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schaller.
- #124 Handmade crucifix once owned by Elizabeth (Schaller) Bonstetter, later by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schaller.
- #125 Side table and rocking chair once owned by Elizabeth (Schaller) Bonstetter, later by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schaller.

Photos Taken at the Dedication of the German-Bohemian Monument New Ulm, Minnesota 20 July 1991

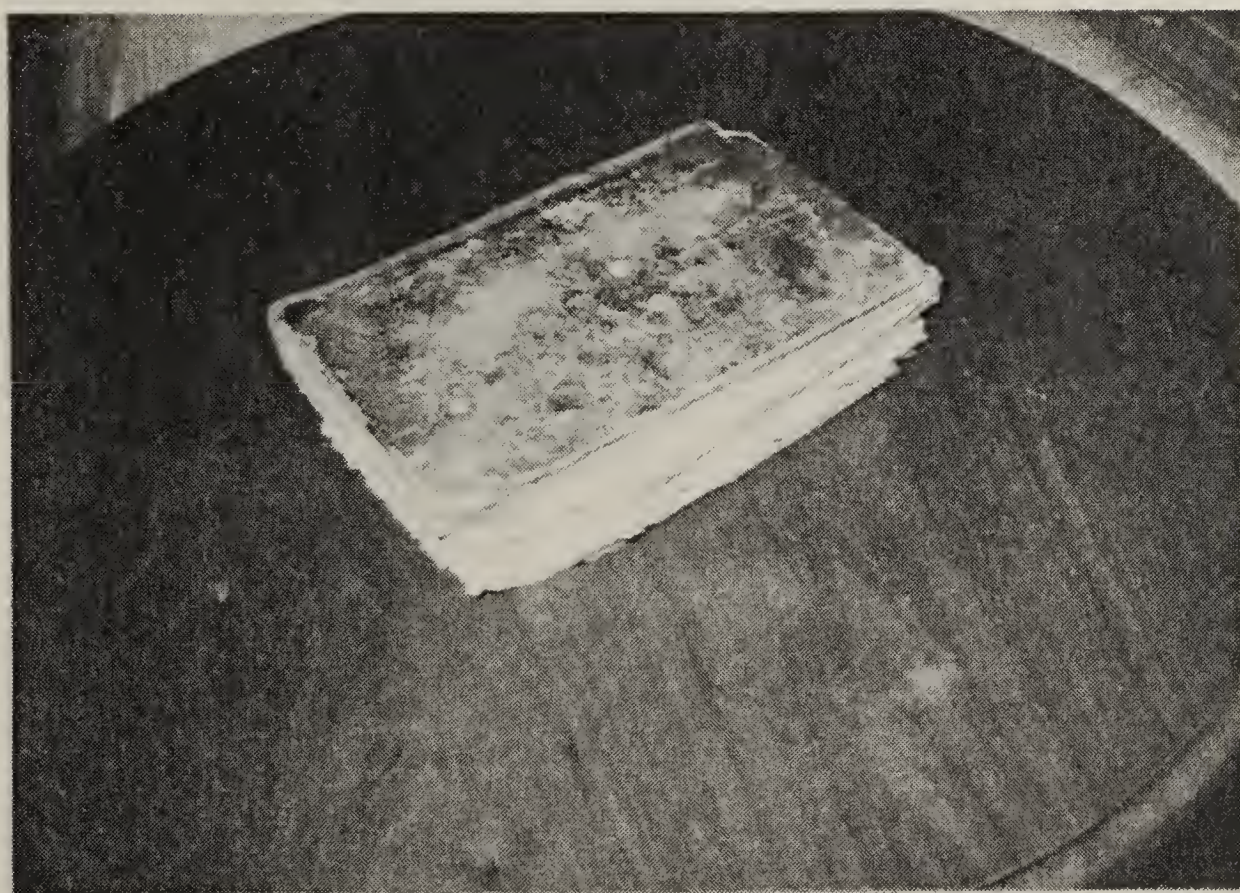
- #126 Some grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Joseph Schaller, born 1839 in Schilligkau, and their spouses at the dedication. Back: Joe Stattelmann, Joel Stattelmann, Millie Miller, Kathleen Loew. Front: Gloria Ellwanger, Winnie Stattelmann, Ernie Schaller, Donnie Schaller, Joseph Schaller, Loretta Frideres, Mabel Schaller, Marcella Schaller.
- #127 Gloria Ellwanger, author of The Schaller Saga: Bohemia to Iowa, and Robert Paulson, founder of the Minnesota German-Bohemian Society in front of the monument. Note the tablets of names at the base of the monument.
- #128 Five children of Joe Schaller (born 1885) of West Bend and grandchildren of Joseph Schaller (born 1839) who attended the dedication ceremonies. Ernie Schaller of Eolia, Mo., Joseph Schaller of Oregon, Wi., Loretta Frideres of Algona,

Ia. (deceased Feb. 1992), Millie Miller of Algona, Ia., and Donnie Schaller of Emmetsburg, Ia.

- #129 Granite tablet (one of four) at the base of the monument showing the SCHALLER and SANDHÖFNER surnames.
- #130 Sellners, Schallers, and Stattelmans, all descendants of George Schaller and Maria Sandhöfner of Schilligkau, Bohemia. These cousins met at the museum in New Ulm after the dedication ceremonies. Back, standing on ledge: Don Sellner, John Sellner, Germaine (Sellner) Goedken, Delores (Sellner) Burkle, Mildred (Sellner) Geistkemper, Joe Stattelman. Front: Loretta (Schaller) Frideres, Millie (Schaller) Miller, Joseph Schaller, Donnie Schaller, Ernie Schaller, Winnie Stattelman (wife of Joe). The Sellners are children of Andy Sellner of Earlville. The Schallers are children of Joe Schaller of West Bend. Joe Stattelman is a son of Lizzie (Schaller) Stattelman. The Sellners and Schallers are second cousins, one generation removed, to each other. Joe Stattelman is a first cousin to the Schallers and a second cousin, one generation removed, to the Sellners.



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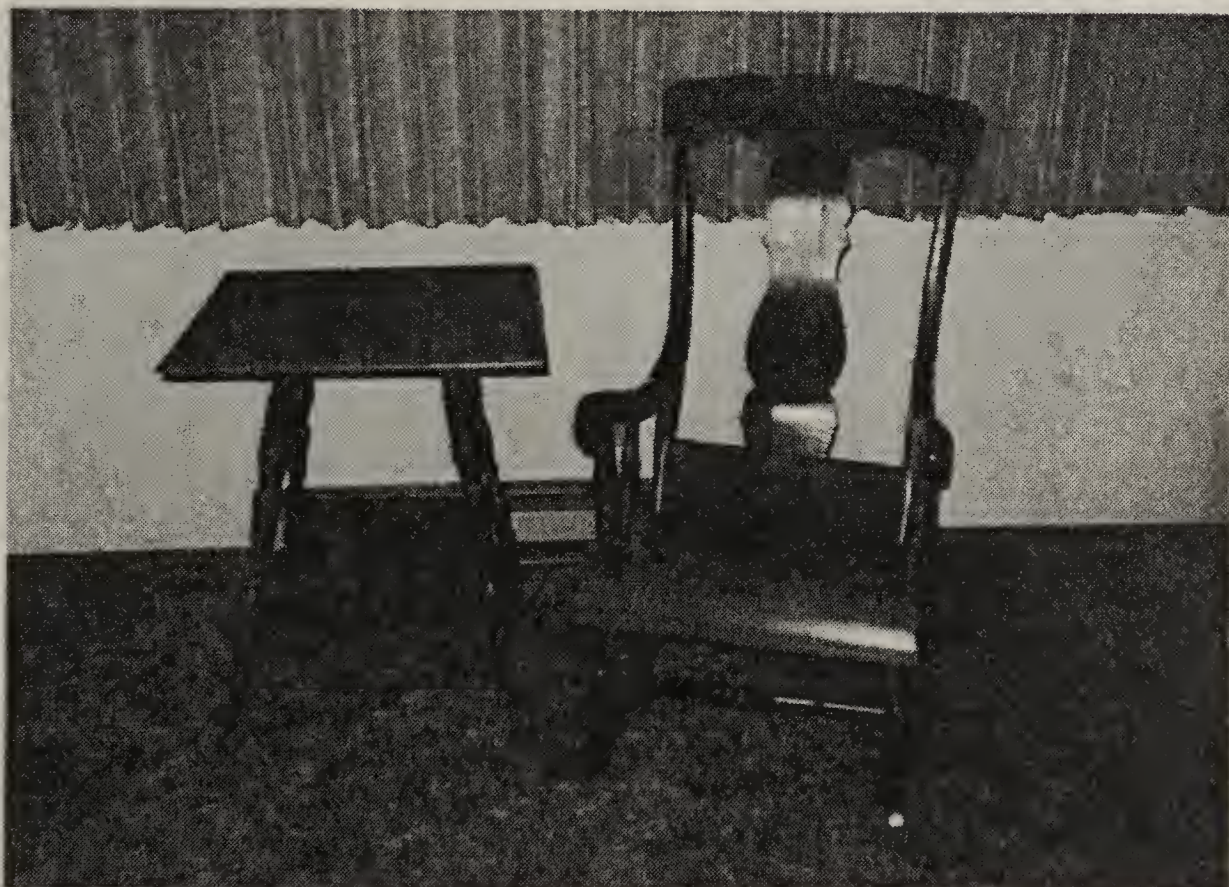
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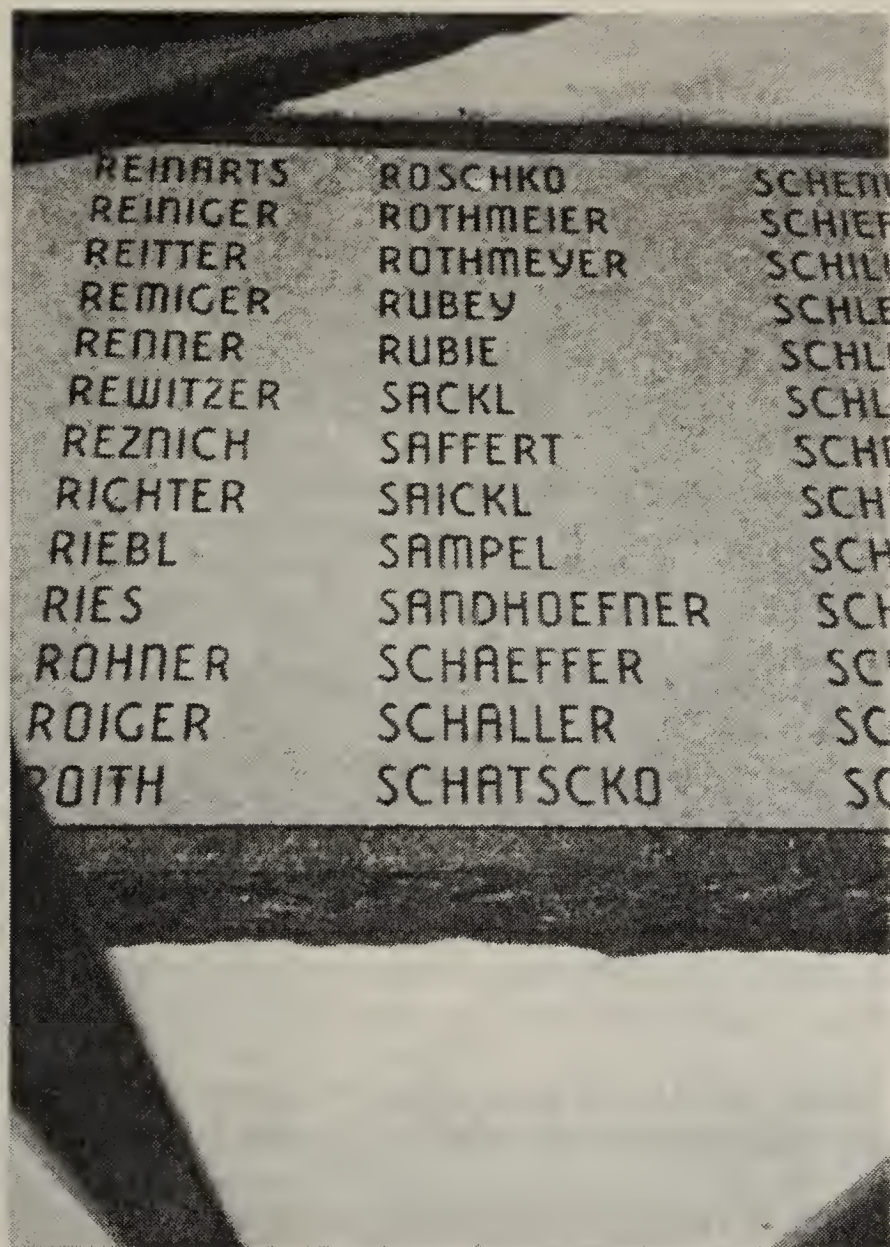
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SCHILLIGKAU YESTERDAY AND TODAY

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OUR SCHALLER ANCESTORS IN SCHILLIGKAU

13. St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church baptism records: Vol. 24 p. 5.
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15. St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church marriage records: Vol. 14 p. 17.

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MARY SCHALLER

19. Letter from Lizzie Siegel of Dyersville, Iowa, to Joseph H. Schaller of West Bend, Iowa: 15 March 1908.

20. Letter from Joe Duschner of Earlville, Iowa, to Joseph H. Schaller of West Bend, Iowa: 23 May 1909.

21. Letter from Lizzie Duschner of Earlville, Iowa, to Joseph H. Schaller of West Bend, Iowa: 7 November 1909.

22. Marriage Records, Delaware County Courthouse, Manchester, Iowa: 1881, p. 289.

23. Letter from Lizzie Siegel of Dyersville, Iowa, to Joseph H. Schaller of West Bend, Iowa: 15 March 1908.

24. Letters from Margaret Ralihan of Sherman, Texas, to Joseph Sellner of Earlville, Iowa: 28 February 1894 and 12 March 1894.

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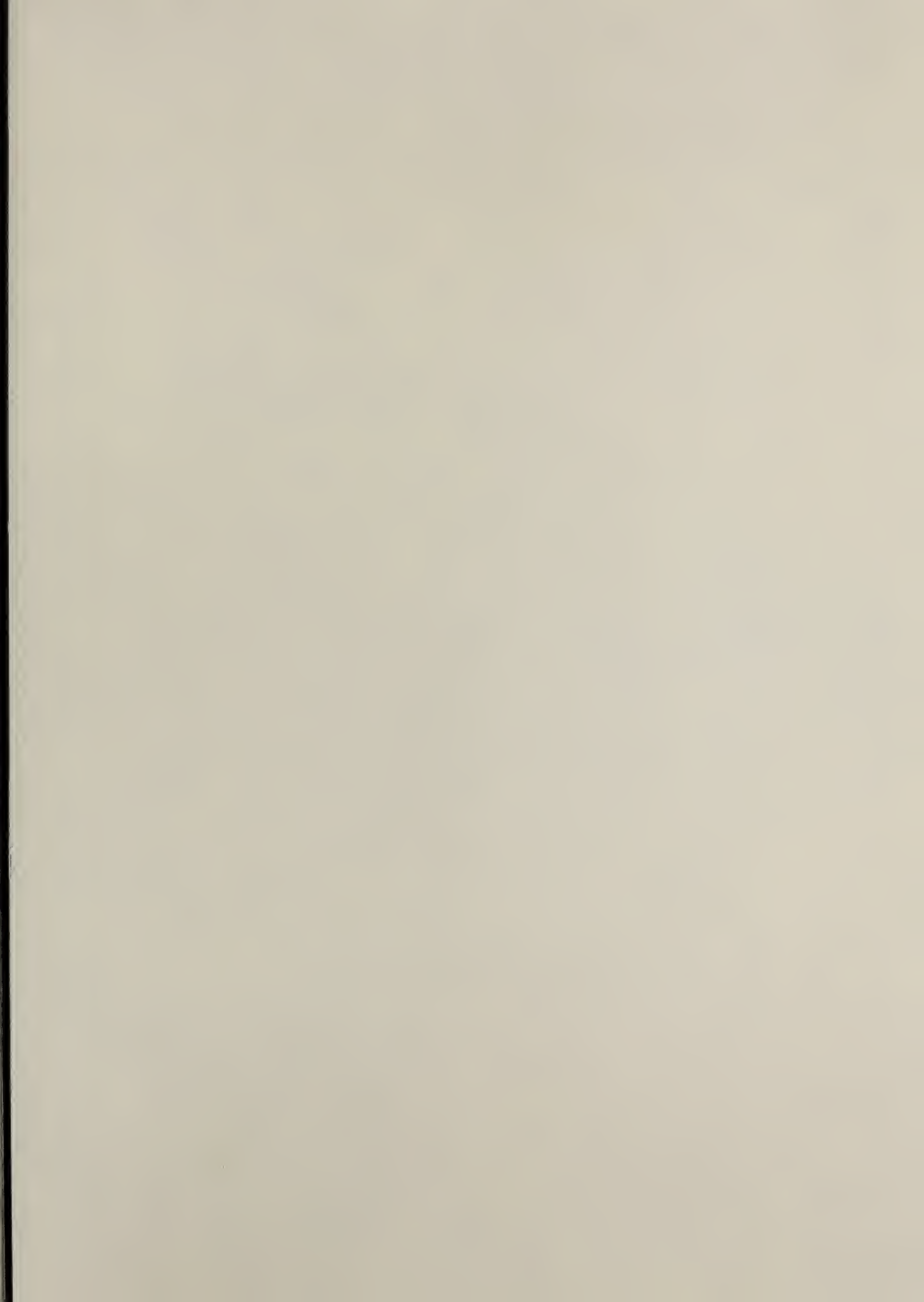
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